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Biogas company considers \$100 million plant in Rock County

By Mavis Fodness

An international biogas company visited Rock County Tuesday and expressed interest in something local livestock producers have a lot of – manure.

Nature Energy operates 13 biogas plants in Denmark and in three years plans to build 15 more in North America.

Four Nature Energy representatives met with county commissioners Tuesday, explaining their business model and needs from a host community.

Attending the commissioners' meeting were also members of the Luverne City Council, Rock County Economic Development, Luverne Economic Development



The company extracts methane from cattle manure and other organic wastes to produce biogas, which is sold as a green alternative to natural gas. The manure, minus the gases, is returned to the livestock producer as fertilizer.

and city of Luverne.

"We are reaching out to you to see if we have local support," said Jesper Ascanius Kjersgaard

Nielsen, vice president of business development.

"We are a company that is coming to your community to

ask for permission to be a good neighbor."

Nature Energy began in 1979 as a municipally owned natural

gas company in Denmark in 1979.

Now the company extracts methane from cattle manure and other organic wastes to produce biogas. The biogas is sold as a green alternative to natural gas.

Also extracted in the anaerobic process is food-grade carbon dioxide. The manure minus the gases is returned to the livestock producer as fertilizer.

"Basically, we borrow the manure and bring it back a better product," Nielsen said.

Luverne and Rock County have many of the location criteria Nature Energy is looking for in the construction of a biogas facility.

Biogas company/see page 3A

H-BC students set up 'Little Free Sled Library'

By Mavis Fodness

Anyone wanting to enjoy the use of a sled in Hills or Beaver Creek won't have to look far, thanks to the eighth-graders at Hills-Beaver Creek Secondary School.

Two Little Free Sled libraries are now available for use in each community.

Similar to a Little Free Library, where books are available to borrow and placed back when read, the Little Free Sled Library allows anyone to borrow a sled, use it, and place it back into the holder for someone else to use.

Middle school teacher Randi Oftedahl watched a news story about the sled libraries in Minneapolis.

"I got to thinking how awesome it would be if the sled libraries started popping up in our area," she said.

Her 20 eighth-graders embraced the idea.

With the design help of industrial arts teacher Chris Louwagie, two square storage areas or corrals were constructed using 2-by-4s.

"The students built the sled corrals from re-



Photo courtesy of Hills-Beaver Creek Secondary School

Hills-Beaver Creek Secondary School eighth-graders (from left) Karlee Olson, Brynn Bakken, Hailey Moser, Ava Steinhoff, Olivia Deelstra and Jed Fagerness assemble and paint the first of two Little Free Sled Libraries the students constructed for the communities of Hills and Beaver Creek.

Little Free Sled Library/see page 3A



City tallies industrial park lot sales

By Lori Sorenson

Two more lots in Luverne's industrial park are on the market priced at \$21,000 and \$31,000, according to action at the January meeting of the Luverne Economic Development Authority.

The lots are located near the intersection of Koehn Avenue and Dakota Road in the Mayes subdivision, named for the late Marty Mayes who farmed the 91 acres before they were annexed into the city in 2007.

"We already have someone really interested in one of the lots," EDA director Holly Sammons said at the Jan. 9 meeting.

She said the Mayes lots are priced at the same cost per square foot as other lots in the industrial park.

"Having an industrial park served with streets and utilities with I-90 visibility is a very attractive asset to our community," Sammons said.

She offered a historical perspective on industrial park growth west of Papik Motors over the past 10 years.

When she started 10 years ago, the LEDA owned 132 acres, including the 30 acres Gold'N

Industrial park/see page 5A

Ossenfort hired as GM for Arizona Cardinals

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne native Monti Ossenfort is the new general manager of the Arizona Cardinals, according to the NFL team's announcement earlier this week.

"It was critically important for us to find the right person to lead us as general manager and there is no doubt in my mind that we have that in Monti Ossenfort," Cardinals owner Michael Bidwill said in a statement released Monday.

"He possesses every attribute of a successful GM – passion, leadership, intelligence, work ethic – and his extensive experience has clearly prepared him for this role. We could not be more thrilled to have Monti



and his family joining the Cardinals."

Ossenfort, 44, is a 1996 Luverne High School graduate and the son of Rodger and Dianne Ossenfort, Luverne.

He comes to Arizona from the Tennessee Titans where he has been director of player personnel for the past three seasons.

Ossenfort brings to the job 21 years of NFL experience that includes 15 years with the New England Patriots whom he helped win four Super Bowls and earn seven trips to the Super Bowl overall.

The Patriots reached the postseason 16 times in his 21 years with the franchise.

Ossenfort/continued on 3A

Luverne Street Music observes 10 years

Open house Jan. 21 kicks off series of yearlong celebrations

By Lori Sorenson

Ten years ago Janine Papik and LaDonna Iveland noticed families were traveling to Sioux Falls for violin lessons.

"We wondered if there would be a way for instructors to come to Luverne, rather than all these Luverne students traveling to other communities for lessons," Papik said.

That idea in October of 2012 led to Luverne Street Music, which today joins 11 instructors with more than 100 students at the Carnegie Cultural Center for lessons in voice, piano, strings, woodwinds, brass and other instruments.

An open house from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Carnegie will mark the 10-year anniversary of Luverne Street Music.

On Thursday Papik reflected



Lori Sorenson photos/0223 luverne street music at carnegie

Luverne Street Music students performed their February "Live at the Carnegie" event titled "Sweetheart Month" Thursday night, Feb. 16, 2017, in the Carnegie Cultural Center. Pictured in this Star Herald file photo from 2017, Holden Jepperson performs a number on his ukulele. The Carnegie

worked with volunteers to connect

instructors with students at Hilger on how the program started. Following their instincts, Papik and Iveland approached the Luverne Chamber Office and

worked with volunteers to connect

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Blue Mound Cemetery Association will meet at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, in the home of Dick and Dolly Remme.

Beaver Creek Township Board will meet at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23, in the township hall. *Note the afternoon time.*

Heroes Behind the Badges blood donation Jan. 23

Luverne Fire Department, EMS, Rock County Sheriff's Office and Sanford Luverne will host the annual Heroes Behind the Badges blood drive Monday, Jan. 23, at Sanford Luverne.

The public can donate blood, support their local heroes and impact patients by donating between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and from 2:30 to 5 p.m.

Donors can schedule an appointment by logging on to www.cbblifeblood.org, select "events" and choose Jan. 23 at Sanford Luverne Medical Center. They can also call 605-331-3222, and walk-ins are welcome.

State Park offers owl activity

Meet in the Picnic Shelter from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, for Winter Birding: Owls. Winter can be a great time to view owls. Find out what makes these wonderful birds so special and discover what species are in the backyard.

Story time at library

Story Time with Bronwyn at the Rock County Library is at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays through April 25, and at 10 a.m. Fridays beginning Jan. 20 through April 28. Stories and make-and-take crafts are the same at either event. For more information call 507-449-5040 or email rockcountystaff@gmail.com.

Winter Carnival Jan. 21

Luverne Music Boosters Winter Carnival will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, in the Luverne Classic Gym. The event features food, games, prizes, bingo, a cakewalk and more to benefit music education in Luverne Schools.

Community free meal Jan. 25

The United Methodist Church will host its Wednesday night free community meal at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25. A pick-up option is available by calling 507-283-4529.

Mobile dental clinic Jan. 26

The mobile dental clinic will be in Luverne on Thursday, Jan. 26, at the Rock County Health and Human Services community room.

This clinic provides dental care for adults and children ages 0-100+. Call 612-746-1530 to schedule an appointment. All forms of insurance are accepted. It's organized by #LuvLuvAll's Rock County Oral Health Task Force.

H-BC FFA chili cook-off Feb. 6

The Hills-Beaver Creek FFA Chapter is sponsoring a chili cook-off and silent auction fundraiser Feb. 6, beginning at 5 p.m. in the secondary school commons.

Chili cook-off participants are sought. Call 507-962-3240 ext. 33 to enter the cook-off.

Free tax preparation at library

AARP volunteers will offer free tax preparation for low-income individuals and seniors at the Rock County Library on Mondays starting Feb. 13 through April 15.

Call 507-449-5040 for appointments. Bring documents, including last year's tax return and a form of identification to document social security number. Tax returns for 2021 will be prepared if requested.



Lori Sorenson photo/0119 beaver creek swearing in

The Beaver Creek City Council convened Wednesday night, Jan. 11, for the first meeting of the new year under new leadership. Jacob Conger and Heidi Freese were elected in November and were sworn in as new council members at the start of the meeting. They replace outgoing members Jeff Dysthe and Pat Bender who didn't file for re-election. Pictured in Beaver Creek City Hall (from left) are Mayor Josh Teune and council members Cody Dietrich, Jacob Conger, Alan Harnack and Heidi Freese.

New leadership takes helm in Beaver Creek

By Lori Sorenson

The Beaver Creek City Council convened Wednesday night, Jan. 11, for its first meeting of the new year under new leadership.

Jacob Conger and Heidi Freese were elected in November and were sworn in as new council members at the start of the meeting.

They replace outgoing members Jeff Dysthe and Pat Bender who didn't file for re-election. Council members thanked them for their leadership.

Bender served for 16 years, and the council remarked that there were 22 years of Dysthe leadership between brothers Jeff and Jamie Dysthe. Jeff served the final term, which ended Dec. 31, 2022.

Others on the current council include Mayor Josh

Teune and council members Cody Dietrich and Alan Harnack.

Salaries and fees

Among other business at their first meeting of the year, the council approved the 2023 fee schedule.

Most remained the same for things like permit applications, service hookups and garbage and recycling collection.

Among increases were fire calls, from \$750 to \$1,000, and water and sewer rates, which increased \$3 and \$2 per resident per 1,000 gallons, respectively.

Salaries for city staff also increased. City maintenance director Travis Helgeson's salary increased from \$44,595 to \$46,379 and clerk Jane Blank's part-time salary increased from \$16,534 to \$17,196.

Snow hazards

Council members thanked Helgeson for his thorough work in clearing Beaver Creek city streets during the heavy snow at the start of January.

They also noted that many residents were piling snow in city rights of way, which is against city ordinance.

They recognized that the exceptional amount of snow created hardships for many, but they noted that snow piles on streets are a hazard for everyone.

A new Facebook post on the city's page offers more information.

It states: "Residents, please be aware that it is a violation to plow, blow, shovel or otherwise place snow onto public roadways. The placement of snow can create a hazard such as

slippery areas or frozen ruts or bumps. This includes pushing snow from your property across the roadway to an opposite ditch or property. Other hazards created by improper placement of snow on or near a roadway include drainage problems, drifting, sight obstruction and [reduced] accessibility."

Beaver Creek Days

The Beaver Creek City Council will host a planning meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, in the clerk's office at City Hall to discuss a summer celebration.

The point of the meeting will be to share ideas and gather community input for a summer "Beaver Creek Days" of sorts.

The city's Facebook page will share more information.

Ossenfort/from page 1A

Ossenfort replaces Steve Keim, who stepped down as the Cardinals' GM to focus on his health.

According to Bidwell, one of Ossenfort's immediate tasks will be helping to hire a new head coach to replace the fired Kliff Kingsbury.

On the short list is Cardinals defensive coordinator Vance Joseph, who has been with the franchise for the past four seasons.

Ossenfort began his NFL career as an intern with the Vikings in 2001, moved to the Texans in 2002 as a pro personnel intern and first joined the Patriots in 2003 as personal assistant to coach Bill Belichick.

Ossenfort was rehired by the Texans in 2004 as their pro and college scouting assistant and in 2005 was promoted to college scout.

The Patriots hired him as an area scout in 2006 and in 2009 promoted him

to a national scout and to assistant director of college scouting.

He became director of college scouting in 2014 when the Patriots went on to win Super Bowl XLIX in Glendale, their fourth Super Bowl title and Ossenfort's second with the team.

During the remainder of Ossenfort's time with New England, the Patriots won two additional Super Bowl titles.

Ossenfort played college football for four years and was a two-year starting quarterback for the University of Minnesota-Morris, where he earned a degree in economics and management.

He later earned master's degrees in business administration and sports management from Ohio University in 2002.

Ossenfort and his wife, Shannon, have three daughters, Emery, Finley and Landry.



Mavis Fodness photo/0119 Hills Swearing In 2023

Hills City Council members sworn in

Hills Mayor Keith Elbers (standing, far left) watches Vickie Buschwitz and Cory Metzger recite the oaths of office prior to the Jan. 10 Hills City Council meeting. Buschwitz was re-elected to a second term in November while Cory Metzger begins his first four-year term. Metzger was elected to the seat filled by Alan Leenderts, who served on the council for 16 years. Watching the reciting (seated) is council member Ross Metzger.

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Commons, the round building owned by Holy Trinity Church.

"From that initial meeting, it took just six weeks to find a location, choose a name, develop a logo and market the plan for opening in January," said Papik, Luverne Street Music president.

Students and instructors perform recitals, solos and ensembles and they participate in community cantatas, parades and other events throughout the year, making Luverne a talent hub for all things music.

The goal was to provide quality musical education and training for aspiring student musicians of all ages at one convenient location in Luverne.

The mission was to offer many performance opportunities for students and teachers throughout the community, allowing Luverne Street Musicians to "give back" to the community and share the love of music with others.

That goal and mission remains relevant today, Papik said.

"I believe music touches everyone, everywhere, no matter what style each person likes or feels at the moment," she said.

"That's why it's so important that it should be made available to everyone, to express themselves in whatever way they choose."

Since 2012 Luverne Street Music has had more than 600 students and nearly 40 instructors drawing from nearly 20 schools and communities in five states.

This includes private lessons and ensembles, such as Children's Choir, Summer Music Camp, various string ensembles and the Christmas Cantata.

In 2015 Luverne Street Music moved to the historic Carnegie Cultural Center built in 1904 as one of 65 Carnegie Libraries built in

Minnesota by philanthropist Andrew Carnegie.

The building today is owned and maintained by the city of Luverne and leased to the non-profit Luverne Street Music.

"This building is amazing," Papik said. "The architecture is just so gorgeous."

She credited local support — especially the city's investment in a major remodel of the lower "Bass Clef" level for soundproof lesson rooms.

Local pianist Ross Bergman has a unique perspective on Luverne Street Music.

"As a former student and teacher, I have seen how LSM has wholeheartedly supported my talent and calling," Bergman said. "I have been honored to see the benefits of LSM come full circle."

He said the program plays an important role in the community and individuals' wellbeing.

"Luverne Street Music provides students with opportunities to touch the lives of everyone within the community," Bergman said.

"Music can speak and comfort when words fail."

Papik said she hopes community members join Luverne Street Music students and staff in the coming year as they celebrate 10 years.

"Your talent is God's gift to you," she said. "What you do with it is your gift back to God."

Saturday's open house will be the first of 12 monthly celebrations to mark Luverne Street Music's 10th anniversary.

In February student musicians will share their "Love of Music" through online performances on the Luverne Street Music Facebook page. Subsequent 2023 anniversary celebrations will be advertised in local media and online.

Papik can be reached at 605-321-2055.



Photo courtesy of Hills-Beaver Creek Secondary School

Eighth-graders at Hills-Beaver Creek Secondary School created a Little Free Sled Library (pictured below), which were placed in Hills and Beaver Creek for community use. Randi Oftedahl's students completed the project as part of her philosophy that learning also takes place outside the classroom. Pictured in the front row from left Reagan Spath, Katelyn Chesley, Makynzie Hellerud, Brooklynn Hubbard, Taty Williams, Karlee Olson, (second row) Hailey Moser, Olivia Deelstra, Ava Steinhoff, Brynn Bakken, Ava Rainford, Carie Merson, Lilith Volden, (back) Karl Hartz, Tryg Tollefson, Jed Fagerness, Riggins Rheault, Hunter Leenderts, Camdyn Broesder and Ed Duncan.

H-BC Little Sled Library/continued from page 1A

cycled wood that used to be part of the aquaponics project at school," Oftedahl said.

Students painted the corrals black to easily be seen in the snow. Handprinted signs read "Have fun! Return when done."

District buildings supervisor Dalton Bass delivered the corrals to the final destinations last week.

One sled library is located near the H-BC football field in Hills, and the other was placed at the corner of Second Avenue and Fifth Street near the west entry to the SpringBrooke Golf Course in Beaver Creek.

Each corral holds several plastic sleds.

"A few families contacted me to donate their used sleds. The student council purchased two sleds, and we had six sleds donated by residents of Luverne and Hills,"

Oftedahl said. "My hope is that everyone will treat it with respect, use the sleds, have fun and return when done."

Eighth-graders involved in the Little Sled Library project include Brynn Bakken, Olivia Deelstra, Karl Hartz, Hunter Leenderts, Karlee Olson, Reagan Spath, Lilith Golden, Camden Broesder, Ed Duncan, Mackenzie Hellerud, Carie Merson, Ava Rainford, Ava Steinhoff, Taty Williams, Katelyn Chesley, Jed Eagerness, Brooklyn Hubbard, Hailey Moser, Riggins Rheault and Tryg Tollefson.

The libraries are not the first community service project Oftedahl's students have completed.

"In my 30 years of teaching, I have realized that there is quite a bit of learning that can take place outside of the classroom and (when they) give back," she said.

"In order to accomplish this, I have implemented community service projects into my lesson plans each month."

Most projects are not seen by the public. For example, students made May Day baskets for Tuff Home residents, they made T-shirt bags and collected picture books for the kindergartners, they decorated the Legion Hall for the Memorial Day program, and they scraped and painted the dugouts and concession stands at the Hills ballpark.

Oftedahl said as the students take pride in the communities, they are also taking pride in themselves for a job well done.

"The students are very proud to point out that they were the ones to complete those projects when they were at baseball practice or softball games," she said.

U.S. News recognizes Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne as one of America's Best Nursing Homes

The Minnesota State Veterans Home in Luverne has been recognized as one of America's top nursing homes for 2022-2023, according to U.S. News and World Report magazine.

The magazine evaluated more than 15,000 nursing homes, and only 16 percent of U.S. skilled nursing facilities earned the "Best Nursing Home" designation this year.

Scott Buchanan, administrator of Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne, credited the facilities staff

for achieving the recognition.

"Our staff make the difference," he said. "Many have worked here for over 20 years and love what they do. That results in excellent care for our residents."

U.S. News Long-Term Care Ratings research included eligible nursing homes caring for people needing daily assistance with medical and non-medical needs.

The data used to evaluate these homes come from the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid

Services (CMS) and include metrics of nurse staffing, best practices in preventive care and resident safety, flu vaccination rates and minimizing the need for and use of hypnotic medications.

According to U.S. News, there are 358 nursing homes in Minnesota. Of these, 36 received an overall rating of 5 out of 5.

The Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne had an overall rating of 5 out of 5 and a long-term care rating of "High Performing." The

Luverne Veterans Home is considered a "medium-size" facility licensed for 85 beds.

"The Minnesota Veterans Homes take pride in providing the highest quality of care to our residents, addressing physical, mental, emotional and social needs," said Douglas Hughes, Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Healthcare.

"Since the pandemic began, we have embraced the most rigorous infection prevention protocols to minimize the risk to our residents and staff."

Biogas company considers Rock County/continued from page 1A

The biomass plant would be a \$100 million construction project resulting in 16 to 17 jobs.

The company needs at least 27 acres, access to manure from 15,000 dairy cows within a 25-mile radius, a connection to a natural gas pipeline, and sufficient access to electricity and water.

Nature Energy is also looking to locate a biogas plant in Pipestone.

Three plant locations have been already been

chosen in North America.

The sites are in Benson and Wilson in Minnesota and in Roberts, Wisconsin.

Nature Energy focuses on taking manure from small- and medium-sized dairy farms for the biogas process.

However, the company is looking at manure from swine and beef on the tour to Rock County.

Smell from the process is eliminated through the use of charcoal filters and a stringent cleaning process.

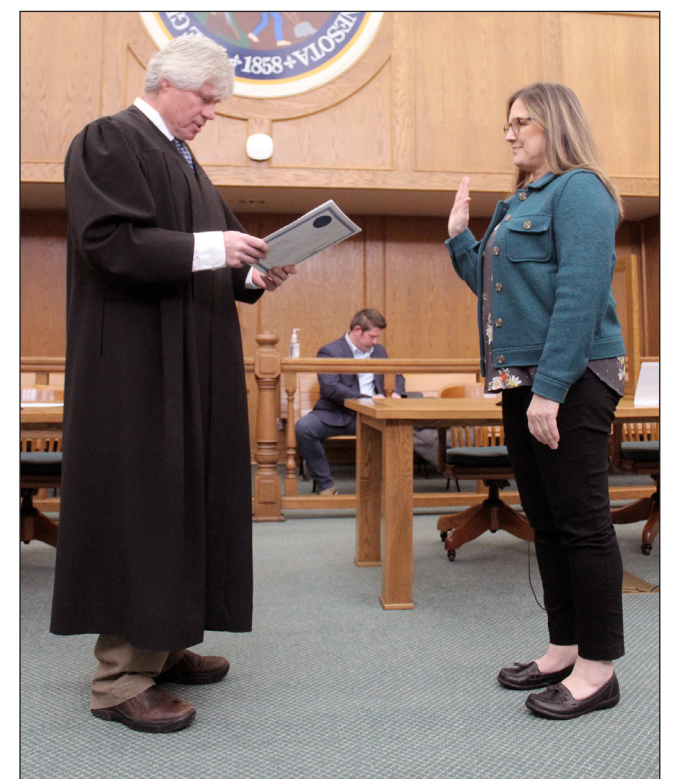
"When it's degassed the smell goes away," Nielsen said.

Attending Tuesday's meeting with Nielsen were Nature Energy agronomist Matthew Berulyette, vice president of on-farm business development Bob Lefebvre, and lead business developer Tore Junkuhn Dehli.

"We want to be the good

neighbor," Dehli said. "We don't want to be the one to build something and leave. Our plans are to be here for 40 years and be a good neighbor for 40 years. We don't want to build something and everything not be all right."

A decision as to Luverne's suitability as a location would take about a year to arrive at.



Mavis Fodness photo/0112 Commissioner Swearing In 2023

Commissioners take oath of office; Thompson now board chair

All five Rock County commissioners were sworn into office Thursday morning, Jan. 5, at the Rock County Courthouse in Luverne. Due to redistricting, Gary Overgaard, Stan Williamson, Greg Burger, Jody Reisch and Sherri Thompson (above, being sworn in by District Judge Terry Vajgrt) refiled for office and received no challengers in the November general election. Thompson was elected board chairman and Greg Burger vice chairman in a rescheduled Jan. 5 meeting due to the Jan. 3 blizzard.

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Office sleepover eliminated need for stressful winter drive

I recently enjoyed a sleepover at the office.

The admission left some people aghast and astonished that I lived through the night.

I saw it as a practical solution to not worry about poor driving conditions. (I envied editor Lori for taking a well-needed vacation to Florida.)

The weather forecast for Jan. 3-4 called for rain and snow followed by strong winds. Tuesdays are press days – Jan. 3 was a Tuesday.

With no one in the office Jan. 2 due to the holiday, I set up my new home.

Food in the fridge.
Car in the garage.
Lights and heat all working.

With a suitcase in the corner, I put on my slippers, turned on some music, and sat down to work at my desk.

Most of the sleepover time was spent in front of my computer. I finished stories, designed layout, cleaned out emails and happily munched on the plethora of food I brought along.

Because I am in a wellness program, the office is a large place to get steps in, complete strength exercises, and as it turned out, the needed four-hour nap on a camp cot, pillow and sleeping bag I brought along in case I got tired.

There were no bat sightings.

No scary noises or people looking through the windows.

Main Street Luverne was busy at 4 a.m. Tuesday as snow removal crews took to scraping and sweeping the sidewalks.

By 6 a.m. the predicted blizzard started in earnest. By 7 a.m. even visibility in the middle of town was diminished. I felt good about the decision to camp out in the office.

As a result, the Jan. 5 edition of the Star Herald was fin-



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

ished by deadline and emailed to the printers. All done without a nail-biting drive to work, because I was already here.

After a job well done, I looked forward to going home to rural Hardwick.

Except I couldn't leave town.

Due to the 20 inches of snow, the township road leading to home was blocked and the strong winds reduced visibility.

I no longer have a desire to drive in a blizzard or any desire to spend a night in a snowbank.

For my second sleepover night in Luverne, the Star Herald graciously put me in the Sunrise Extended Stay and manager Rick shuttled me to and from the office.

I won't lie ... a shower was much appreciated.

So was the control of the television remote.

I was asleep by 7 p.m. and slept through the night.

By noon Wednesday, Jan. 4, I was on my way home. Snow crews had roads scraped to the surface and I met my hubby moving snow into piles around the farm yard.

Within 30 minutes of pulling into the driveway, I shoveled snow away from the garage doors, emptied the car and donned my work coat and overalls to do animal chores.

I completed more snow removal around the barns, filled hay mangers, and emptied manure from the barn.

Inside the house, there was laundry to do and dishes to be washed.

While the office sleepover provided a welcome respite from everyday chores, the return home felt good.

Impaired driving incidents increase during the winter months

GUEST OPINION

By Rick Birt, Students Against Destructive Decisions

In addition to the increased risk of dangerous weather with icy roads and snow during winter months, there is also a significant uptick in impaired driving during winter months.

In fact, 40 percent of highway deaths during winter are alcohol-related, according to the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Impaired driving is when someone operates a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

The legal limit is 0.08 percent blood alcohol content (BAC), but it is important to remember that you are impaired after the first drink.

Depending on factors such as body size, gender, hydration and calories consumed that day, many people are drunk far before reaching .08 percent BAC.

It is important to note that other illicit drugs, including cannabis, also cause significant impairments to reaction time and ability to drive safely.

Because of this, we should focus on practicing defensive driving, trying to predict potential hazards, which can include anything from potential reckless drivers to bad weather, and never drive aggressively.

Here are some other ways to drive defensively and safely:

Focus. Distracted driving is a leading cause of crashes on our roadways. There are three types

of distraction behind the wheel: visual (taking your eyes off the road), manual (taking your hands off the wheel), and cognitive (taking your mind off driving).

We can be distracted by passengers in the car, things or people we are passing on the road, music, maps, eating, and, most notably, our phones.

Try not to let anything distract you while you drive, especially knowing how many folks are on the roadways impaired this time of year.

Plan ahead. Leave plenty of time in your schedule so you are not running late. Rushing causes chaos and distraction which can impede your ability to concentrate on the road.

Make sure you have prepared and checked your route, packed your car in advance, and even set up your playlist or podcast before you ever put the car in drive.

Take your time. Take an extra beat at stop signs and red lights and always adhere to the posted speed limit. Adding a few extra minutes to your drive is far from the worst thing that can happen on

your travels.

Rest up. Make sure you get enough sleep before getting behind the wheel.

According to the National Safety Council, drowsy driving is the cause of 100,000 crashes, 71,000 injuries and 1,550 fatalities every year, and that you are three times as likely to get into a car crash if you are tired.

On long road trips, try to always drive in shifts with a passenger so you can rest.

If you find yourself nodding off while you drive, find a safe place to pull over as quickly as possible, such as a well-lit rest stop or other location where you won't block the roadways and are highly visible, and rest as long as you need.

Make sure you talk to your family and friends about the dangers of impaired driving and make a game plan so that everyone always has a sober ride home.

On behalf of SADD Nation and all our youth leaders at Students Against Destructive Decisions, I wish you and yours a happy, safe and healthy new year.



Wipf: Business owner grateful for public process on THC regulation

To the Editor:

I'm writing to express my gratitude for the positive interactions we experienced with city and county officials during the process of making legal cannabis available to community members.

I felt very supported by Jane at the Chamber. She put me in contact with the county commissioners, gave me a platform to present to other business owners, and attended the commissioners' meeting when I spoke.

County Administrator Kyle Oldre has been nothing but kind and receptive and always addressed my concerns. He was good at balancing access with his main priority and responsibility of keeping the

county safe. He always replied to my numerous emails ... even when I'm sure I was a thorn in his side.

Commissioner Sherri Thompson came to me directly to listen to my objections over the THC moratorium and kept true to her word that the commissioners were not trying to get cannabis out of the area ... They just wanted to make sure they understood the risks to benefits involved before writing the ordinance. She answered multiple texts, was always very factual and professional.

County commissioners as a whole were attentive and asked really insightful questions. This showed me that they were not just putting on a show about deliberating. They wanted to know more about can-

nabis to make the best decisions they could. They were fun and put me at ease while I was presenting.

I could tell Mayor Pat Baus-tian wasn't excited about a recreational cannabis (as opposed to medical marijuana) in Luverne, but I have nothing but respect for how he handled his concerns (about potentially unsafe gummies).

He listened to my counter arguments that they're safe (if from reputable businesses with lab results for their products and that medical cannabis access in the cities is often inaccessible for our most vulnerable neighbors.

He quickly understood how important this is for some community members, especially veterans

with mental illness (I had shared a story about my brother) and that if we were going to have true local access, then he would work hard with the county to create a local ordinance. He kept his word and led the city to dropping the moratorium.

The outcome of all these thoughtful conversations and decisions has ultimately resulted in a pathway to cannabis that's now both legal and safe.

We are fortunate to live in a community with thoughtful and progressive leaders willing to work on behalf of everyone.

Jennifer Wipf,
Rock River Apothecary,
Luverne

Serie: 'Please treat everyone kindly'

To the editor:

I was comforted Monday, because I still believe in good, honorable and heroic people. In honor of Martin Luther King Day, this message from Dr. Heather Cox Richardson was my inspiration:

You hear sometimes that, now that we know the sordid details of the lives of some of our leading figures, America has no heroes left.

When I was writing a book about the Wounded Knee Massacre, where heroism was pretty thin on

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Jan. 6
 •Complainant on S. Church Avenue, Hills, reported a civil issue.
 •Complainant on Lincoln Street and Freeman Avenue reported a parking issue.
 •Complainant reported a scam.
 •Assistance from another department was provided on Highway 75 and W. Hatting Street.

Jan. 7
 •Complainant on 110th Avenue, Luverne, reported a civil issue.
 •Complainant on Interstate 90 and Highway 75 reported found property.

Jan. 9
 •Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported theft.

Jan. 10
 •Complainant reported an outage.
 •Complainant reported identity theft.
 •Complainant on Highway 23, mile marker 5, Garretson, South Dakota, requested roadside assist.
 •Complainant reported threats.

Jan. 11
 •Complainant on Sioux Valley Drive reported suspicious activity.
 •Complainant on Highway 75 and 251st Street, Hardwick, reported a driv-

ing complaint.

Jan. 12
 •Complainant on N. Estey Street reported theft.
 •Complainant reported found property.
 •Complainant on Highway 23 and 251st Street, Jasper, reported a pedestrian.
 •Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 11, Luverne, reported a pedestrian.
 •Complainant on County Road 4 and 190th Street, Magnolia, had a weather issue.
 •Complainant on E. Luverne Street and N. Spring Street reported a pedestrian.
 •Complainant on Koehn Avenue requested roadside assist.

Jan. 13
 •An outage was reported.

In addition, officers responded to 5 motor vehicle accidents, 1 deer accident, 5 vehicles in the ditch, 1 transport, 4 escorts, 14 ambulance runs, 3 paper services, 1 animal complaint, 1 fingerprint request, 13 burn permits, 6 background checks, 1 gas drive-off, 2 alarms, 3 drug court tests, 8 purchase and carry permits, 3 stalled vehicles, 24 traffic stops, 8 abandoned 911 calls, 2 tests, 4 welfare checks, 3 OFPs and 3 follow-ups.

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the ground, I gave that a lot of thought. And I came to believe that heroism is neither being perfect, nor doing something spectacular. In fact, it's just the opposite: it's regular, flawed human beings, choosing to put others before themselves, even at great cost, even if no one will ever know, even as they realize the walls might be closing in around them.

It means sitting down the night before D-Day and writing a letter praising the troops and taking all the blame for the next day's failure upon yourself, in case things went wrong, as General Dwight D. Eisenhower did.

It means writing in your diary that you "still believe that people are really good at heart," even while you are hiding in an attic from the men who are soon going to kill you, as Anne Frank did.

It means signing your name to the bottom of the Declaration of Independence in bold print, even though you know you are signing your own death warrant should the British capture you, as John Hancock did.

It means defending your people's right to practice a religion you don't share, even though you know you are becoming a dangerously visible target, as Sitting Bull did.

Sometimes it just means sitting down, even when you are told to stand up, as Rosa Parks did.

None of those people woke up one morning and said to themselves that they were about to do something heroic. It's just that, when they had to, they did what was right.

On April 3, 1968, the night before the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated by a white supremacist, he gave a speech in support of sanitation workers in Memphis, Tennessee.

Since 1966, King had tried to broaden the Civil Rights Movement for racial equality into a larger movement for economic justice. He joined the sanitation workers in Memphis, who were on strike after years of bad pay and such danger-

ous conditions that two men had been crushed to death in garbage compactors.

After his friend Ralph Abernathy introduced him to the crowd, King had something to say about heroes: "As I listened to Ralph Abernathy and his eloquent and generous introduction and then thought about myself, I wondered who he was talking about."

Dr. King told the audience that, if God had let him choose any era in which to live, he would have chosen the one in which he had landed. "Now, that's a strange statement to make," King went on, "because the world is all messed up. The nation is sick. Trouble is in the land; confusion all around. ... But I know, somehow, that only when it is dark enough, can you see the stars." Dr. King said that he felt blessed to live in an era when people had finally woken up and were working together for freedom and economic justice.

He knew he was in danger as he worked for a racially and economically just America.

"I don't know what will happen now. We've got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn't matter...because I've been to the mountaintop... Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. ... But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the promised land!"

People are wrong to say that we have no heroes left.

Just as they have always been, they are all around us, choosing to do the right thing, no matter what.

Please treat everyone kindly and do not assume only the negative from our fellow Americans, or from those who may be different or a minority.

None of us know what is in their heart nor have we walked in their shoes. Reach out a hand instead, maybe learn something new, and become a hero.

Carol Serie, Luverne



Luverne has 69 acres available but not yet subdivided and platted in its industrial park in the area west of Papik Motors that could accommodate a variety of interested businesses of different size and service needs.

Luverne industrial park lots/continued from page 1A

Plump had an option to buy. Since then, 53 acres — seven lots — have been sold. These buyers include:

- RSD Development (Rich Dreckman), one acre
- Henning Construction, 3.32 acres
- Kemp Electric, one acre
- John LeBrun (Stein Seed), 1.23 acres
- Minnesota National Guard Armory, 15 acres
- Backdraft Manufacturing, 1.81 acres

- Lineage Logistics purchased 30 acres from Driftless Meats, affiliated with Premium Minnesota Pork, which exercised the Gold'N Plump option to buy from LEDA.

Sammons said seven smaller lots, a total of roughly 10 acres, remain available for sale in the industrial park.

"We try to keep a handful of smaller shovel-ready lots on the market for our small businesses so that they can see what's immedi-

ately available," she said.

That leaves 69 acres available but not yet subdivided and platted that could accommodate a variety of interested businesses.

"We also have larger lots that can accommodate larger industry that may need five, 10, or 20 acres," Sammons said.

"But we'll work with them on a case-by-case basis to subdivide and plat the lots as needed to meet their specific needs."

Luverne college student dies in Iowa accident

By Mavis Fodness
 Emma Nibbelink of Luverne was fatally injured in a two-vehicle accident reported at 6:04 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, in Sioux County, Iowa.

According to the Iowa State Patrol, Nibbelink was traveling south on U.S. Highway 75 near Hull, Iowa, in a 2008 Chevrolet Impala when her vehicle drifted onto the west shoulder that was covered in snow and ice.

Officers determined

Nibbelink overcorrected the vehicle and crossed the center line into the path of a northbound 2018 Chevrolet K2500 driven by Dylan Taylor, 25, of LeMars, Iowa. Nibbelink's vehicle struck the pickup as it crossed into Taylor's lane forcing both vehicles into the east ditch.

No injuries were noted for Taylor on the crash report. Nibbelink, although wearing a seatbelt, died at the scene.

She was the daughter of

Shelly Nibbelink, Luverne, and the late Joshua Nibbelink.

She graduated this spring from Southwest Minnesota Christian High School in Edgerton and was a freshman at Dordt University in Sioux Center, Iowa, where she worked in the admissions office.

In a release from the school, Nibbelink was described as "energetic and bubbly" and "was known for her cheery disposition and her laughter."

In the months she spent on campus, Nibbelink made many friends.

"She held nothing back," said co-worker Bailey Moret. "She would introduce herself to anyone and quickly befriend them or make them smile. She made you feel seen, laughed easily, and loved so well."

Nibbelink was majoring in business/marketing with a sociology minor.

Her obituary appears on Page 7.

DON'T PLACE SNOW ON PUBLIC ROADWAYS

Luverne, MN — The Rock County Highway Department would like to remind everyone, especially rural residents, that it is against the law to deposit snow, in any fashion, on or next to a public highway or street.

Minnesota State law and many local ordinances prohibit the plowing, blowing, shoveling or otherwise placing of snow onto public roadways. This provision also includes the ditch and right of way area.

Violations are considered a misdemeanor, but civil penalties can also apply if the placement of snow creates a hazard such as slippery area, frozen rut or bump, which contributes to a motor vehicle or pedestrian accident. The civil liability can extend to both the property owner and the person who placed the snow.

Other hazards created by improper placement of snow on or near a public roadway include drainage problems, drifting, sight obstruction, and safe accessibility. Special attention should be made to keep crosswalks, intersections, entrances and exits clean and unobstructed.

To determine the proper placement of snow for a specific location along the county highway stem, you can contact the Rock County Highway Department at 283-5010.

Mark R. Sehr, PE
 Rock County Highway Engineer

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2:00 pm

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Saturday, January 21

Sunday January 22

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7:00 pm

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Mavis Fodness photos/0119 H-BC One Act 2023

The Hills-Beaver Creek Secondary School drama department is performing the one-act play, "Goldilocks on Trial" Sunday and Monday. The cast includes (front row, from left) Tryg Tollefson (sitting), Tyrae Goodface, Joy Taubert, Brooklynne Hubbard (sitting on floor), Britton McKenzie, (second row) Madison Gaugler, Lexi Drake, Leif Tollefson, Tahliya Kruger, Sarah Prohl, (back) Anthony Beaner, Lexxus Wessels, Gavin Voss and Caidence Ellis.

H-BC presents 'Goldilocks On Trial' Sunday, Monday

By Mavis Fodness

Amanda Marie Locks is in trouble.

"Goldie," as she is known to her friends, is on trial for breaking and entering, and destruction of private property.

Did she break into the Mr. F.D. Bare family home, consume porridge, break a chair and ruin a window screen in her haste to escape?

Students in the Hills-Beaver Creek Secondary School production of "Goldilocks on Trial" will answer those questions in two performances at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, and 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23, in the school commons.

The Stuart L. Sheeley one act play parodies the children's story, "Goldilocks and the Three Bears," as a TV courtroom drama.

Junior Joy Taubert is defendant Goldie Locks, who is well-liked by Judge Wendy Wiggins (portrayed by senior Lexi Drake).

Prosecutor (senior Leif Tollefson) and defense attorney (senior Tyrae Goodface) bring a parade of fairytale characters to serve as witnesses. The characters include the three members of the Bare family, Forest D. Bare (freshman Gavin Voss), Bonnie Bare (junior Tahliya Kruger) and Ermengarde Bare (eighth-grader Brooklynne Hubbard.)

Other witnesses include Wilma Hazel (sophomore Lexxus Wessels) as a witch, Harry "Duke" Wolfe (senior Anthony



Defense attorney (portrayed by senior Tyrae Goodface) asks Phoebe Heely, the Old Woman in the Shoe, (freshman Sarah Prohl) to point to the pictures of Heely's children, which she couldn't identify by name. Above right: Court clerk (junior Madison Gaugler) swears in Amanda Marie "Goldie" Locks (junior Joy Taubert) as the judge (senior Lexi Drake) waits for Locks to testify about a breaking and entering charge into the Bare family home.



Beaner), Phoebe Neely, who lives in a shoe (freshman Sarah Prohl), Grumpy (senior Britton McKenzie), Clara Moffit (freshman Caidence Ellis) and bean grower Jack Dudley Klump (eighth-grader Tryg Tollefson).

Keeping the court proceedings moving is court clerk (junior Madison Gaugler).

"It's funny, smart and enjoyable for a wide range of ages," said director Amy Comp. "I'm excited, too, because our cast this year is larger than last year."

There are 14 students taking the stage in the school's annual spring drama production.

Last year nine H-BC students presented "The Crazy Quilt Club" after a two-year hiatus.

"Seeing many of these students grow from last year, and many of them grow in acting in just the past few weeks, has been absolutely wonderful, and their hard work is definitely noticed," Comp said.

Next year the students may perform in the Minnesota State High School League one act play competition, Comp said.

Admission to the 30-minute production is \$6 for adults and is free for students.

MENU AT GENERATIONS

Monday, Jan. 23: Parmesan chicken, green beans, fruit cocktail, bread stick, dessert.

Tuesday, Jan. 24: Meatballs, mashed potatoes, carrots, bread, pudding.

Wednesday, Jan. 25: Turkey noodle casserole, broccoli florets, cinnamon baked apple slices, dinner roll, cookie.

Thursday, Jan. 26: Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, peaches, bread.

Friday, Jan. 27: Tuna hot-dish, carrots, fruit, cake.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Security Savings Bank.

LSS Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere.

Call Pam Franken at 283-9846, extension 11 to reserve one day prior, to arrange to pick up a dinner or for home-delivered meals.

OBITUARIES

William Wendt

William Arthur Wendt, 80, died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023, at his home in Oakdale.

A memorial service was at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, at King of Kings Lutheran Church in Woodbury. Memorials are preferred to the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin for wells in Malawi and to the memorial fund at King of Kings Lutheran Church in Woodbury.

William Wendt was born to William E. Wendt and Dolores M. Johnson in Luverne. Bill attended the University of Minnesota and transferred to South Dakota State University before enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1962. Following basic training and service in Iceland, he was selected for the Naval Cadet program for aviation. He graduated with a degree in language arts in 1971 from the University of West Florida.

He met Marilyn Swan while stationed in San Diego. They were married in 1967.

During his naval career, Wendt served as a helicopter pilot earning his Navy wings in 1965. He retired from the U.S. Navy at the rank of lieutenant commander, having merited the Air Medal with One Star, the Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Unit Commendation, Navy Achievement Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with Five Stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal and Sea Service

Deployment Ribbon. Following his Vietnam service, he served as a flight instructor and retired in 1983 ending his naval service as the chief flight operations and commander of DCASPRO Hayes in Dothan, Alabama.

Bill earned his Master of Divinity from Wartburg Theological Seminary in 1987 and his Doctor of Ministry from Columbia Theological Seminary in 2002. He served his internship year from 1985-1986, at Luther Valley Lutheran Church in Beloit, Wisconsin. Bill was ordained in 1987. He served ELCA congregations in Boyceville and Wheeler, Wisconsin, (Trinity and Our Savior's Lutheran churches) and Mondovi, Wisconsin, (Drammen and Pleasant Valley Lutheran churches). He also served as needed as a Hospice chaplain. He retired from ministry in 2014.

Bill is remembered as a kind servant leader and excellent listener. He was devoted to his faith, his country, and his family.

Bill is survived by his wife, Marilyn, of Balaton; two daughters, Jennifer (Todd) Muellner and Sarah Ashouri, both of Woodbury; grandchild Asal Ashouri of Woodbury; stepgrandchildren Todd Hickethier of Woodbury and Mathew Muellner of White Bear Lake; and two sisters and a brother.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister-in-law, and a son-in-law.

Arrangements were provided by Bradshaw Funeral and Cremation Service of Stillwater www.bradshawfuneral.com.

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DEATH NOTICES

Eugene and Ilene Becker

Eugene Dominic Becker, 100, Worthington, died on Dec. 5, 2022, at the Diamond Willow Assisted Living in Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

Ilene Becker, 95, Worthington, died Monday, Jan. 16, 2022, in Grand Rapids.

A memorial Mass for the couple will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 20, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Worthington. A time of fellowship will be one hour prior to the service. Burial of cremains will be in the St. Mary Cemetery.

(0119 DN)

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2013)

•Members of the Hills Fire Department put their lives on the line Saturday to train in the cold weather of the Hills Rez. Retired firefighter Dan Bernardy traveled to Hills from Inver Grove Heights to train the local firefighters on water and ice rescue techniques and equipment. The day started with several hours of classroom training at the fire hall. After learning how to respond safely to ice rescues, the group suited up and headed out to the ice for hands-on learning. The temperature Saturday hovered around a chilly 10 degrees with wind chills dipping well below zero.

Firemen grouped in teams of three, wearing waterproof suits. One acted as the victim, while the other two performed the rescue. The remaining department members manned ropes attached to rescuers and their equipment.

25 years ago (1998)

•When Jim Johannsen stepped down as chief of the Luverne Fire Department in December, he did it quietly – simply opting not to run for re-election.

So, when the Star Herald approached him about a story on his role as fire chief, he protested loudly. "We ain't gonna do no story about me," he said in those words. "I enjoyed my

job. I did my job, and that's it."

While "Jimmy Jo" preferred to say little about his 17 years as fire chief, there are others in the community who have plenty to say about him.

"He's done a heck of a good job all the way around," said Curt Maxwell, who was chief of the Luverne Fire Department for 15 years before Johannsen took over. "I don't know how he could have done any better."

50 years ago (1973)

•Larry Nelson, 30, a member of the Luverne High School faculty for the past eight years, was named as Luverne's Teacher of the Year this week by his fellow members of the Luverne Education Association.

Nelson's selection was based on recommendations made to the Association by the nominating committee which is composed of past Luverne Teachers of the Year.

Nelson is a senior high school social studies instructor. He has been a teacher here since his graduation from Concordia College in Moorhead in 1964 where he received a B.S. degree in social studies and business administration. He graduated from Alexandria High School in 1960. In 1969, Nelson received his Master's from the University of South Dakota in U.S. History.

He and his wife, Janice, have two children, Jeffrey 4, and Rebecca, 11 months.

75 years ago (1948)

•Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kelley, who have owned Kelley's Bake Shop here for the past 17 months, announced that they had sold the business to William Dorn, of Pierre, S.D. who will take possession in the near future. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley's plans for the future are still indefinite, but they will continue to operate the business until Mr. Dorn arrives.

100 years ago (1923)

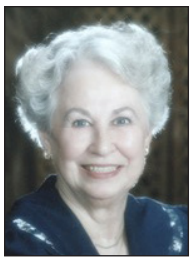
•According to present indications, Luverne is to have no less than three new, complete grocery stores catering to the wants of the people of this vicinity within the next few weeks, making nine complete stocks from which prospective buyers have the privilege of supplying their wants.

The new stores are to be opened by Martin Sather, in the east part of the Palace theatre building, heretofore occupied by the Palace song shop and the Cowan barber shop; Einar Lorange in the front part of the New Meat market, and by Oscar Hegge, in the front part of his building on East Main street where he has been conducting his automobile tire repair and vulcanizing business.

OBITUARIES

Dorothea Texel

Dorothea Jean Perkins Swenson Texel, daughter of William and Anna Perkins, was born on Sept. 8, 1921. She had four siblings: Gilbert, Elizabeth, Wilma, and Beverly. The family lived in the Rock County area of southwest Minnesota.



Dorothea grew up on her parents' farm, graduated high school in Edgerton, Minnesota, and then moved to Los Angeles, California, to marry her sweetheart from Luverne, Lee Earl Swenson.

When Dorothea arrived in California, she found Lee had shipped out to war. However, Dorothea remained in Los Angeles and got a job with a large newspaper. After World War II the couple were married and settled in Downey, California, eventually moving to Fullerton.

They raised their three children, Anna Lea, Michael George, and Gilbert Gene in Fullerton.

In the late 1950s Dorothea went to work full time for Bank of America in Fullerton as a teller. That was the beginning of a long and successful career in banking moving up to loan officer, branch manager, and eventually taking a regional staff position with California 1st Bank, which later became Union Bank.

During her time in banking, Dorothea trained and mentored numerous young people, giving them their start in banking.

Lee died in 1964 following a painful bone cancer. Dorothea was now sole provider for her family of young teenagers. A few years later she met Lloyd Texel. They married and moved

to Orange. Unfortunately Dorothea and Lloyd did not have much time together. Lloyd died of brain cancer in 1975 only a few years later.

After her retirement from banking, Dorothea moved back to Luverne, Minnesota, in 1981. She bought a house in town and cared for her father, Bill Perkins, in her home until his passing. Dorothea truly enjoyed being back in Luverne and was always busy. She was involved with the quilting club, active in the Historical Society and Presbyterian Church, helped with restoration of the Palace theatre in Luverne, served on committees for the fair and many other organizations in Luverne.

Dorothea was a top-notch seamstress and needleworker and won many Grand Champion ribbons at the Rock County Fair. In Luverne, Dorothea became an avid doll collector and filled her large home and basement with a collection numbering over 100. She loved being back in Luverne with all her cousins and Minnesota family and made new friends easily. Dorothea traveled often to California to visit her children and grandchildren, showing up at important graduations and life events.

After two decades back at home in Luverne, Dorothea once again packed up for another move, this time to Washington state to live near her sister Wilma and son Gilbert.

As she had all her life, she made many friends there, joined clubs, did needlework and learned a new craft, sewing cards and making folded paper cards. It was not any problem for her to craft all

her Christmas cards each year, a mailing list over one hundred.

Reaching age 90 never slowed Dorothea down and she made another move, back to southern California to live in Yorba Linda near her son Michael. She enjoyed her life and friendships at Stonehaven and even at age 100 last year was still walking up to the clubhouse every Monday morning to have coffee and meet up with her lady friends.

Dorothea Jeanne passed away on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023, at St. Jude hospital in Fullerton of complications from Covid. Her children, however, think her death has everything to do with living a good, very long life and always having the best times she could have. She was 101 years when she passed and still a character. She had spunk, worked hard her whole life, was loyal to family and friends, and always said what was on her mind.

She is survived by her children, Anna Garza, Mike Swenson, and Gilbert Swenson. Dorothea leaves behind four grandchildren, Lisa Garza-Hillman, Pablo Garza, Erin Swenson and Nicole Swenson and five great-grandchildren, Luna Garza-Hillman, twins Rinah and Ronan Garza-Hillman, Charlie Garza, and Cleo Garza.

In lieu of flowers, should you wish to make a donation in Dorothea's name, please contact the Maplewood Cemetery Association in Luverne, Minnesota at <http://maplewoodcemeteryluverne.org/donations/> Or Hinkly House Museum in Luverne, <https://rockcountyhistorical.com/support-us/donate-now/> (O119 V)

David Kruger

David Lee Kruger, 76, Steen, died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023, at the Sanford Luverne Hospital.



A funeral service was at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 16, at the United Methodist Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

David Kruger was born on July 20, 1946, to Martin and Elizabeth (Giesen) Kruger in Luverne. He grew up in Ash Creek, attending public school in Ash Creek, Adrian, Hills and Luverne.

He married Linda Wallace on May 28, 1966, in Luverne. After their marriage they moved into Luverne for a short time before moving back to Ash Creek, where they raised their four children. David was confirmed and baptized at the Luverne Assembly of God church on Dec. 5, 1976. He lived for a short time in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, before mov-

ing to Steen. David worked for Hanson Silo for 20 years and then Hills Stainless Steel for 23 years, retiring in 2010. David was known as "Quicksilver" and "Mayor of Ash Creek." He will be remembered for his love of racing. He won many races and track championships. He was inducted into the Huset's Hall of Fame in 2012. On his 60th birthday he won an A feature while driving Pete Kracht's car.

David was always willing to help anyone who needed it and enjoyed fixing things. He was a kind, friendly, loving person. He spent many hours playing beanbags, both in the backyard and playing in tournaments throughout area towns.

He enjoyed spending time with his grandkids, giving rides on the four-wheeler or moped and making them ice cream cones. He enjoyed attending auction sales, tinkering, and cutting down trees to split into wood. He

loved being outdoors.

David is survived by his children, Wayne (Amy) Kruger of Ash Creek, Scott Kruger of Ash Creek, Mark (Kristi Demuth) Kruger of Steen, and Angie (Bob) Westrum of Steen; stepchildren Kelly (Jarod) Tuntland of Canton, South Dakota, and Kasey (Steffanie) Hall of Lennox, South Dakota; grandchildren Dylan Kruger, Justine (Andrew) Miller, Megan (Jake) Schueller, Courtney Kruger, Wyatt Westrum, Ethan Kruger, Jack Kruger, Addison Westrum, Claire Kruger, Sam Kruger, Grayson Tuntland and Kendall Midden; great-grandchildren, Oaklyn and Ivy Miller; and special friend, Judy Midden of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

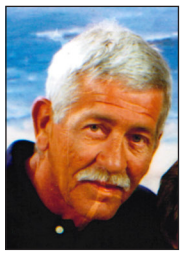
He was preceded in death by his wife, Linda; his parents; a brother, Melvin Kruger; and sisters Alberta Kremin and Viola Swenson.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, hartquist-funeral.com.

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Chuck Waknitz

On Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023, Chuck Waknitz, loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, peacefully passed away at 81.



Chuck was born on June 1, 1941, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Charles and Eileen (Magel) Waknitz. After graduating from trade school in 1959, he built his passion as owner of one of the best-known and well-respected outdoor amusement/carnival businesses.

In 1976 he married the love of his life Kris (Iceland) Waknitz. Together they raised a family and operated Chuck's Amusements. He

was selfless, kind, hardworking, loving, fair, honest, and always thought of as a nice guy. He loved his family fiercely and enjoyed spending time with his kids, grandkids and great-grandchildren.

Chuck and Kris shaped many young lives through their carnival business and taught them the meaning of hard work and fix-it skills. With a few simple tools, consisting of an IB tester, multi-end screwdriver, pliers, channel lock, and a roll of electrical tape, there wasn't anything he couldn't build or repair.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents, Chuck and Eileen Waknitz, mother-

in-law Betty (Carl) Nath, and son Sam.

He is survived by his wife, Kris; son Tom (Michelle) Waknitz, daughter Tami (Michael) Smits and adopted daughter Autumn (Mark) Krueger; sister Carol (Jim) Parlow; and brother Jim Waknitz; grandsons Cazwel (Molly) Waknitz, Tanner and Wyatt Smits and granddaughters Lilli (Mike) Marquez, Savannah Krueger, Grace Lenich, and Ruby Lenich; and eight great-grandchildren. Great comfort is felt that Dad has been reunited with his son Sam in heaven.

Appreciation and remembrance will be scheduled during the carnival season (this summer).

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Emma Nibelink

Emma L. Nibelink, age 18, of Luverne, Minnesota, died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2023, as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Sioux Center, Iowa.



Visitation will be Sunday, Jan. 15, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Christian Reformed Church in Luverne. Funeral service will be Monday, Jan. 16, at 10:30 a.m. at the church. Burial will follow at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. Arrangements are under the care of Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. To view Emma's Life Tribute video or sign an online registry, please visit www.hartquistfuneral.com.

Emma Lynn Nibelink was born on April 12, 2004, to Josh and Shelly (Buys) Nibelink at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She lived with her family in Luverne. She was baptized on May 15, 2004, at Luverne Christian Reformed Church and professed her

faith at that same childhood church on March 7, 2021. At

the age of four, Emma became the best big sister to the family's new addition, Addison "Addie." The family loved camping, attending Josh's softball games and tournaments, bonfires in the backyard and annual trips to the lake.

On Aug. 14, 2010, their lives were forever changed by the loss of her dad in an automobile accident. Emma never blamed God and kept sharing Him and the good news of salvation with everyone she met. That tragedy made the Nibelink girls a very strong "Party of 3" - three girls that were always there for each other, no matter what came their way.

Emma attended school at Southwest Christian in Edgerton, Minnesota, where she graduated with the class of 2022. She was a percussionist in the band, sang in choir, led the student body in the traditional towel cheer at

games with the "Go Eagles!" chant, played volleyball and was the team manager for girls' basketball and softball.

Emma was everyone's friend and made people feel seen. She had a community of family and friends in both Edgerton and Luverne.

She knew the value of hard work and earning money to help pay for college. She was a babysitter, employed at Pizza Ranch in Luverne, then as a photography assistant for Sydney Leigh Photography. She also was a CNA for Mary Jane Brown Home and more recently took a position as a CNA at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

Following graduation, Emma decided on Dordt University in Sioux Center, Iowa, where she was currently a freshman majoring in business and marketing with a minor in sociology. At Dordt she quickly found another community of friends, became involved in Bella Voce Choir and was excited to start a new position with the Dordt Admissions Office

helping with campus visits.

While returning to college on Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2023, Emma died as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Sioux Center, Iowa, at the age of 18 years, 8 months and 28 days.

Emma was a member of the Luverne Christian Reformed Church where she was active in their youth programs. She volunteered at Royal Family Kids Camp which serves foster children in the area. She had a passion for music. She loved singing and playing the guitar and ukulele. She enjoyed late night Netflix binges, impromptu photo sessions and was always game for a Starbucks/Scooters run.

Emma and Addie had an amazing bond. The sisters knew how to push the other's buttons but they were each other's secret keepers and best friend. They loved volleyball in the backyard, late night talks, summer days spent floating and tanning in their pool, music jam ses-

sions in "Carol" (Emma's car), and a quick FaceTime OOTD check for one another. Emma liked to google recipes and was quite the chef for their family. She made the most amazing meals but also the most amazing messes! To know Emma, was to hear Emma. If she wasn't sleeping, the girl's mouth was likely open. She was honest and unfiltered but also so loving. She truly loved her family, friends and God with her entire being. God was in her heart and she shared Him with everyone she knew.

Emma was a shining light in this world. This past Sunday, Emma wrote a couple quick notes in her Bible. The first was God's inheritance "is something cool to look forward to." The other being "Imitate Christ and witness to those around you" next to the passage from 1 Peter 3:15. The morning of the accident that took Emma to be with her dad, she downloaded the song "Nothing to Fear" by Porter's Gate, a reminder that God is with us

through it all.

Emma is lovingly remembered by her mom, Michelle "Shelly" and her sister, Addison Jo, of Luverne; maternal grandparents, Harley and Marilyn Buys of Brandon, South Dakota; paternal grandparents, Willard Nibelink of Cherokee, Iowa, and Marg Pap of Luverne; aunts and uncles Mike Buys of Leota, Minnesota, Amy (Eric) Haan of Luverne, Amber (Joe) Jares of Sioux Falls, Jim (Vonda) Nibelink of Luverne, Tim (Kris) Nibelink of Rollingstone, Minnesota; cousins, Dalton (Kleinjan) and Jazzy Buys, Brooklyn, Blake and Olivia Haan, Nora and Jacob Jares, Dominic (Brooke), Luke and Jessa Nibelink, and Peyton (Connor) Bundy, Eden and Jackson Nibelink; and numerous other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her dad, Joshua; aunt Janna Nibelink; cousin Jeremy Nibelink; and friend Dani Gacke.

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Arlene Wynia

Arlene Wynia, age 92, of Luverne, Minnesota, died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023, at the Luverne Hospice Cottage.



Visitation will be Friday, Jan. 13, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. Funeral service will be Saturday, Jan. 14, at 2 p.m. at the church. Burial will follow at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. Arrangements are under the care of Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. To view Arlene's Life Tribute video or sign an online registry, please visit www.hartquistfuneral.com.

Arlene Joann Wynia was born on May 28, 1930, to Clar-

ence and Rena (Wissink) Den Herder in Sioux Center, Iowa.

On July 6, 1930, she was baptized at the First Reformed Church of Sioux Center. Arlene attended country school and graduated from Sioux Center High School in 1947.

On Sept. 7, 1951, Arlene was united in marriage to Melvin J. Wynia at her parents' home in Sioux Center.

After obtaining her teaching certification, she taught in country school until Melvin's discharge from the Army in 1953. The couple then made their home in Rock Rapids, Iowa, and farmed there until 1964, when they purchased a farm near Luverne.

In 1995 they left the farm and moved to a home in town.

On Nov. 12, 2003, Melvin preceded Arlene in death. Arlene continued to live in her own home until August 2018 when she moved to Poplar Creek. In February 2019, she became a resident of the Good Samaritan - Mary Jane Brown nursing home.

First and foremost, Arlene was a loving wife and devoted mother to her very grateful family.

She was a member of the American Reformed Church where she taught Sunday school for several years, belonged to the Rebecca Circle, and played piano for choirs, quartets, and other singers and events. Arlene also volunteered at Justice for All,

Booking Buddies, and made quilts with church friends.

She was grateful for the opportunity to travel the country on bus trips during her free time and truly treasured the time she spent supporting the activities of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Arlene was a devoted wife and mother who was a model of Christian love, patience, and unselfishness for her family and others who knew her.

She is lovingly remembered by her children and grandchildren: Merlin and Debra Wynia of Luverne and their children Julie (Adam) Brown, Cara (Ernie) Fleming, and Ryan (Corey) Wynia; David and Rhonda Wynia of Luverne and their children Rachel (Andrew) Gregoire, La-

nae (Nick) Brown, and Spencer (Jenna) Wynia; Charlene Feikema of Luverne and her children Shawn (Becky) Feikema, Michael (Staci) Feikema, and Ross (Lisa) Feikema; Marla and Victor Van Dyk of Sioux Falls and their children Gabrielle (Mark) Lindberg, Nichole (Brian) Van Hill, and Krista (Taylor) Rignell; Carol and Warren Sandbulte of Luverne and their daughter Kimberly (Ryan) Sandbulte-Drake; Janna and Brad Klarenbeek of Luverne and their children Paul (Megan) Klarenbeek, Emily Cowell, and Shelly (Brett) Rozenboom; Delores Peery of Sioux Falls and her children Carson Peery and Sydney Peery; and Roger and Julie Wynia

of Luverne and their children Leah Wynia and Piper Wynia.

She is also lovingly remembered by her sister-in-law, Frances Wynia of Sioux Center, Iowa; and twenty-six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin; parents, Clarence and Rena Den Herder; sons-in-law, Matt Peery and Chuck Feikema; grandson-in-law, Zach Cowell; great-grandson, Ethan Brown; sisters, Gertrude Leusink and Genevieve Leusink; brothers-in-law, Gerrit John Leusink and Gerrit Henry Leusink; mother and father-in-law; three other brothers-in-law; and four sisters-in-law.

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LHS wrestlers gain valuable match experience

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne wrestlers had a busy stretch of competition on the road over the past week, facing some tough opponents.

The Cardinals started out losing a dual against the Dragons Jan. 10 in Adrian before competing in a triangular in Marshall Jan. 12, when they fell to Pipestone 54-24 and Marshall 58-14.

The Luverne boys' wrestling team finished in Pipestone Jan. 14, competing in the Big South Conference Tournament and the girls' team headed to Champlain Park for an all-girls tournament.

Luverne was scheduled to host a Triangular with Worthington and Windom Tuesday, Jan. 17, and they'll travel to the Wabaso Invitational Saturday, Jan. 21.



Greg Hoogeveen photos/0119 wrestling tourney

The Cardinals were among 13 teams competing in the 2023 Big South Conference Tournament in Pipestone Jan. 14. Because of illness and injuries, Luverne brought eight wrestlers, three of whom placed in their weight classes. Sam Rock placed second at 170. DJ Rock placed third at 160 and Matthew Gangestad placed sixth at 120.

Adrian 64, Luverne 5

The Luverne wrestling team lost 64-5 to a very tough Adrian team Tuesday, Jan. 10.

"Several matches were lost in the last seconds of the match," head coach Jordan Kopp said.

"The kids wrestled well. The score doesn't reflect their effort."

In the meet the Cardinals gave up five matches by decisions, seven matches by pin and one by forfeit. Luverne's only win came from senior DJ Rock in the 170-pound weight class.

Match results are as follows by weight class:
106 – Eighth-grader Brody Kopp, loss by fall.
113 – Ninth-grader Bernie Rock, loss by 10-4 decision.
120 – Eighth-grader Matthew Gangestad, loss by 13-3 major decision.
126 – Sophomore Leif Ingebretsen, loss by 9-5 decision.
132 – Eighth-grader Josh Stroh, loss by fall.
138 – Eighth-grader Hudson Hough, loss by 2-0 decision.
145 – Ninth-grader Cameron McCrary, loss by fall.
152 – Sophomore Jaden Reisch, loss by fall.
160 – Senior DJ Rock, win by fall.

170 – Junior Cash Bonnett, loss by fall.
182 – Junior Sam Rock, loss by 2-1 decision.
195 – Junior Jacob Madison, loss by fall.
220 – forfeit
285 – Sophomore Masyn Akkerman, loss by fall.

Marshall Triangular

Luverne wrestlers participated in the Marshall Triangular Thursday, Jan. 12, with Marshall and Pipestone.

The Cardinals lost to Pipestone 54-24 and wrestled against a tough Marshall squad that beat them 58-14.

Both Pipestone and Marshall have several seasoned wrestlers with section or state experience compared with Luverne, whose roster is made up of underclassmen/women and only one senior.

"The kids wrestled well and we were short-handed with kids out. They still battled and got some big wins," head coach Jordan Kopp said.



Submitted photo

The Luverne girls' wrestling team traveled to Champlain Park Jan. 14 to participate in an all-girls tournament. They are (from left) Zakayda Bradley, Bernie Rock, CeCe Rock, Julia Hoogland and Andi Luitjens.

Pipestone 54, LHS 24
Luverne met Pipestone in the first dual of the night.

The Cardinals won six weight classes by fall (pin) and lost eight matches by

pin and two by decision.

Match results are as follows by weight class:
106 – Brody Kopp, loss by fall.
113 – Bernie Rock loss by 10-3 decision.
120 – Matthew Gangestad loss by fall.
126 – Leif Ingebretsen win by fall.
132 – Uriel Hernandez loss by fall.
138 – Hudson Hough loss by fall.
145 – Cameron McCrary loss by 5-3 decision.
152 – Luverne loss by forfeit
160 – DJ Rock win by fall.
170 – Cash Bonnett loss by fall.
182 – Sam Rock win by fall.
195 – Jacob Madison loss by fall.
220 – Luverne loss by forfeit.
285 – Luverne win by forfeit.

Marshall 58, LHS 14

Luverne's second dual was against the Marshall Tigers.

Luverne won four matches by decision and lost eight matches by fall and two by decision.

Match results are as follows by weight class:
106 – Brody Kopp loss by fall.
113 – Bernie Rock win by 4-2 decision.
120 – Matthew Gangestad win by 20-5 technical fall.
126 – Leif Ingebretsen loss by

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Team Records
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LHS	W-L-T
Girls' Basketball	9-1
Boys' Basketball	6-4
Girls' Hockey	11-5
Boys' Hockey	7-5-1
Gymnastics	4-1
Wrestling	4-6

H-BC	W-L-T
Girls' Basketball	3-9
Boys' Basketball	2-6

17-1 technical fall.
132 – Hudson Hough loss by fall.
138 – Cameron McCrary loss by fall.
145 – Luverne loss by forfeit.
152 – Luverne loss by forfeit
160 – DJ Rock loss by 17-2 technical fall.
170 – Sam Rock win by 5-3 decision.
182 – Sam Rock win by fall.
195 – Jacob Madison loss by fall.
220 – Kane Akkerman loss by fall.
285 – Masyn Akkerman win by 2-0 dec.

Big South Conference

The Luverne boys' wrestling team traveled to Pipestone to compete in the Big South Conference Tournament Saturday, Jan. 14.

Luverne was among 13 teams at the tournament, joining Blue Earth Area, Fairmont-Martin County West, Jackson County Central, Marshall, New Ulm, Pipestone, Redwood Valley, Saint James, St. Peter, Waseca, Windom-Mountain Lake and Worthington.

Because of injuries and illness, the Cardinals brought only six wrestlers to the tournament.

They were eighth-grader Matthew Gangestad at 120 pounds, sophomore Leif Ingebretsen at 126, eighth-grader Hudson Hough at 132, senior DJ Rock at 160, junior Sam Rock at 170 and sophomore Masyn Ackerman at 285.

Two LHS wrestlers placed in the Top 3 of their weight class for All-Conference honors. Sam Rock

LHS wrestling/see page 4B

Cardinal gymnasts fly past Windom in dual meet, take third place in Jackson Sweetheart Invitational

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne gymnasts enjoyed a win at home and a third-place finish in Jackson last week, bringing their record to 4-1 in dual competition for the season.

The Cardinals outperformed Windom 135.250 to 122.050 Tuesday, Jan. 10, and then placed third in the JCC Sweetheart Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 14.

The Cardinals were scheduled to host Jackson County Central Tuesday, Jan. 17, and travel to Marshall Thursday, Jan. 26.

Luverne 135.250, Windom 122.050

The Luverne gymnasts hosted Windom in the Cardinal Gym Tuesday, Jan. 10, and won the team meet 135.250 to 122.050.

"I thought the girls did an amazing job last night," said head coach Phoebe Flom.

"They just keep improving every meet. They are exactly where they need to be at this point of the season."

Winning all-around honors was Luverne soph-

omore Ella Reisdorfer with a 35.075 combined score.

Sophomore Amira Cowell took second in the all-around with a 34.775 combined score.

Ninth-grader Kianna Winter performed in three of the four events and earned a 24.575 combined score for a sixth-place all-around finish.

Sophomore Kendra Thorson competed in two of the four events, finishing with a 16.600 combined score and a seventh-place all-around finish.

Eighth-grader Reagan Gangestad competed in two events with a combined score of 16.000 and an eighth-place all-around finish.

Junior Sarah de Cesare's two-event total was 15.600 for tenth place in the all-around.

Sophomore Hailey Como competed in two events with a 15.525 and an 11th-place finish.

Ninth-grader Addyson Mann competed in one event and placed 14th in all-around with 8.000.

Event totals for Luverne



Greg Hoogeveen photos/0119 LHS gymnastics winter

Freshman Kianna Winter goes through her routine on the balance beam Jan. 10, earning her a sixth-place finish with a score of 7.550 in Luverne.

gymnasts are as follows:

Vault results:
First - Ella Reisdorfer 9.275
Second - Amira Cowell 8.250
Third - Hailey Como 8.575
Fourth - Kendra Thorson 8.500
Sixth - Kianna Winter 8.400

Uneven parallel bars:
First - Ella Reisdorfer 8.500
Second - Amira Cowell 8.200
Fifth - Reagan Gangestad 7.350
Sixth - Sarah de Cesare 7.300
Seventh - Hailey Como 6.950

Balance beam:
First - Reagan Gangestad 8.650
Second - Ella Reisdorfer 8.500
Third - Amira Cowell 8.325
Fourth - Kendra Thorson 8.100
Sixth - Kianna Winter 7.550

Floor:
First - Amira Cowell 9.000
Second - Ella Reisdorfer 8.800
Third - Kianna Winter 8.625
Fourth - Sarah de Cesare 8.300
Sixth - Addyson Mann 8.000

2023 JCC Sweetheart Invitational

Luverne gymnasts participated in the 2023 Jackson County Central Sweetheart Invitational Saturday, Jan. 14, along with six other teams.

Luverne took third place with a 134.425 combined team score behind New Prague, who placed

first with 145.425 and Worthington, who took second place with 141.500.

Luverne finished ahead of fourth-place Austin with 133.850 and fifth-place Jackson County Central with 132.675.

It was the first time in school history that the Cardinals placed higher than JCC, according to Flom.

Luverne placed two gymnasts in the Top 10 all-around competition.

Reisdorfer placed third with a combined score of 35.450 and Cowell placed ninth with a 34.575.

In the four individual apparatus performances, Luverne placed several times in the top 15.

In the vault Cowell placed ninth with a score of 9.000 and Reisdorfer placed 11th with an 8.900.

In the uneven parallel bars Reisdorfer placed seventh with an 8.475.

On the beam Cowell placed third with a 9.025 and Reisdorfer placed sixth with an 8.850.

On the floor Reisdorfer
LHS gymnastics/see page 4B

LHS boys' hockey wins two conference matchups

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne boys' hockey team beat two conference teams and lost one non-conference game this past week.

LHS traveled to Redwood Falls to take on the Redwood Valley Cardinals Jan. 12, beating them 7-0 in conference play.

The LHS Cardinals faced Waseca away Jan. 14, losing a close game 5-4.

Luverne finished the week traveling to Fairmont Jan. 16, winning the conference matchup 7-1.

Luverne was scheduled to travel to Albert Lea Tuesday, Jan. 17.

The Cardinals will then travel to play Dodge County Saturday, Jan. 21.

Luverne 7, Redwood Valley 0

The Luverne Cardinals boys' hockey team defeated the Redwood Valley Cardinals in Redwood, 7-0.

Luverne pelted Redwood's goalie with 61 shots on goal in the game to Redwood's 13 shots.

Junior Tyler Arends recorded his second shutout of the season. His first was Luverne's 8-0 win over Rochester Dec. 17.

The Cardinals started their scoring attack at 12:53 in the first period by junior Elliot Domagala assisted by junior Patrick Kroski and senior Brady Bork.

Senior Brock Behrend recorded a second period goal at 1:52 assisted by senior Ethan Langseth and junior Owen Sudenga.

Domagala netted his second goal at 6:32 assisted by Kroski.

Kroski scored his first goal on a power play at 15:07 assisted by junior Henry Hartquist and Behrend.

Hartquist beat the Redwood goalie at 16:42 assisted by Domagala.

Kroski got his second goal at 16:59 assisted by Domagala.

Luverne led Redwood 6-0 after two periods.

Sophomore Levi Gonnerman got the only third period goal assisted by sophomore Blaik Bork.

Waseca 5, Luverne 4

The Luverne boys' hockey team traveled to take on the Waseca Bluejays Saturday, Jan. 14.

The Bluejays were able to edge out the Cardinals in their 5-4 win.

Waseca netted the first score of the game in the first period at 7:22. Luverne's Brady Bork tied the score at 8:01 with an assist from Patrick Kroski.

At only 37 seconds into the second period, Owen Sudenga scored a power play goal assisted by Kroski.

Waseca added two goals of their own in the second period and led the Cardinals 3-2 after two periods.

In the third period Waseca added two more goals before Luverne's Brady Bork added a goal at 10:30 assisted by Blaik Bork.

At 12:30 Blaik Bork scored Luverne's last goal unassisted.

Luverne was unable to sneak one more past the Waseca goalie to tie the game and ended up losing 5-4 in regulation time.

The Cardinals were able to get 59 shots on goal in the game. Waseca flung 24 shots on Luverne goalie Tyler Arends, getting five past him.

LHS boys' hockey/see page 4B



Greg Hoogeveen photos/0119 LHS GBB beyer

Luverne senior Emma Beyer grabs a rebound and looks to the net to score against Worthington Jan. 10 in Luverne.



Greg Hoogeveen photos/0119 LHS GBB c wagner

Senior Christina Wagner looks to pass the ball during Luverne's 73-54 win over Worthington Jan. 10 at home.

LHS girls' basketball on a roll, now 9-1 for the season

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne girls' basketball team won two games last week, bringing their season record to 9-1.

The Cardinals beat Worthington 73-53 at home Tuesday, Jan. 10, before traveling to St. James to take down the Saints 79-50 Friday, Jan. 13.

Luverne was scheduled to host Jackson County Central Tuesday, Jan. 17, and they'll play Windom at home on Friday, Jan. 20. The Cardinals travel to Pipestone Tuesday, Jan. 24, to take on the Arrows.

LHS 73, Worthington 54

The Luverne girls' basketball team bounced past Worthington 73-54 Tuesday, Jan. 10, in Luverne.

"We got off to a really good start with our press, but then we went into a lull and struggled scoring," head coach TJ Newgard said.

Luverne missed a few open shots against an aggressive Trojan defense, but the Cardinals managed to finish the first half in the lead 32-27.

"The second half I thought we did a much better job of executing on the offensive end, and we were able to stretch our lead," Newgard said.

The Cardinals made more open shots and pressured Worthington into making mistakes and turning the ball over.

Luverne extended its lead in the second half, posting 41 points.

Senior Elizabeth Wagner posted a double-double in the game, scoring 28 points and 12 rebounds. She also had eight steals, seven assists and three deflections.

Junior Kira John made 11 points, six rebounds, four

steals, one assist and two deflections.

Senior Averill Sehr contributed nine points, three rebounds, four steals, seven assists and one deflection.

Senior Christina Wagner netted eight points, three rebounds, three steals, two assists and four deflections.

Other Cardinals helping the score were junior Sarah Stegenga with seven points, senior Emma Beyer with six, and senior Jocelyn Hart and junior Kiesli Smith each with two points.

LHS 79, St. James 50

The Luverne girls' basketball team sent conference rival St. James marching out to a 79-50 loss Friday, Jan. 13.

The Cardinals finished the first half leading 45-18.

In the second half the Saints stepped up their game, scoring 32 points to the Cardinals' 34.

But that wasn't enough to make up ground from the first half.

Elizabeth Wagner posted a double-double with 28 points and 11 rebounds. She also had four steals, four assists and one deflection.

John added 21 points, seven rebounds, two steals and two assists.

Stegenga made seven points, one rebound, had one steal, one assist and one deflection.

Several other players contributed to scoring for Luverne.

Beyer scored seven points, Sehr had six, and Christina Wagner, Jocelyn Hart, Smith and junior Tori Serie all added two points each, with a free-throw point by junior Kayla Bloemendaal.

LHS boys' basketball takes two games

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne boys' basketball team won two games this past week on the road, improving their season record to 7-5-1.

The Cardinals defeated the Saints 74-65 Friday, Jan. 13, in St. James, and took down Estelline-Hendricks 60-50 Saturday, Jan. 14, in Hendricks.

Luverne was scheduled to play conference foe Jackson County Central Tuesday, Jan. 17, in Jackson, and the Cardinals will host conference rival Windom Friday, Jan. 20, in Luverne.

Luverne 74, St. James 65

The Luverne boys' basketball team traveled to St. James Friday, Jan. 13, and beat conference rivals St. James 74-65.

Statistically both teams played a close game, but it was Luverne's ability to cause turnovers and make free throws that made the difference in the Cardinals' win.

As a team the Cardinals had nine

steals, five blocked shots and gave up only five turnovers.

The Saints had three steals and one blocked shot, and they gave up 13 turnovers.

At the free throw line LHS made 16 of 20 (80 percent) to St. James' 5 of 8 (62.5 percent).

Senior Gannon Ahrendt posted a double-double in the game with 35 points and 14 rebounds.

Ahrendt also had three assists, two steals and four blocked shots.

Junior Gavin DeBeer also posted a double-double, netting 23 points, 10 rebounds, one assist and one steal.

Sophomore Carter Sehr added eight points, three rebounds, one assist, one steal and a blocked shot.

Seniors Tyson Cowell and Marcus Feit each contributed four points for Luverne in the game.

Luverne 60, Estelline 50

The Luverne boys' basketball team traveled to play Estelline/Hendricks

beating the Redhawks 60-50 Saturday, Jan. 14.

The Cardinals won the game with their strong offensive play which led to scoring opportunities.

The Cardinals shot 58.6 percent of their shots within the paint (2-pointers) and 41.7 percent beyond the line (3-pointers).

The Redhawks shot 40.6 percent on 2-pointers and 28.6 percent on 3-pointers.

Luverne was also 73.3 percent at the free throw line while Estelline did not even make it to the line.

The Cardinals had only three players score during the game, all in double digits.

Ahrendt posted 23 points, eight rebounds, three assists, three steals and two blocked shots.

Sehr added 23 points, two rebounds, four assists and two steals.

Gavin DeBeer had a double-double, scoring 14 points with 10 rebounds along with one assist and two steals.

SENIOR ATHLETES of the Week

Gavin Reisch
Sport: Hockey
Parents: Josh Reisch and Sue Reisch
Other extracurricular activities/hobbies: Football, baseball, CEO, peer helping, snowmobiling and working
Favorite Class: Ag Mechanics
Future Plans: Attend Mitchell Technical Institute for powerline maintenance and construction

Christina Wagner
Sport: Basketball
Parents: Matt and Jill Wagner
Other extracurricular activities/hobbies: Volleyball, choir, painting and reading
Favorite Class: AP Literature
Future Plans: Attend SMSU to major in business communications, minor in Spanish and play basketball

Marcus Feit
Sport: Basketball
Parents: Jamie and Jon Feit
Other extracurricular activities/hobbies: Hanging out with friends and video games
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Luverne girls' hockey faces three tough teams on the road

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne girls' hockey team faced three of its strongest opponents this past week on the road.

The Cardinals lost a close 3-2 game to Albert Lea Tuesday, Jan. 10, before beating the Breckenridge-Wahpeton Blades 8-1 Friday, Jan. 13.

On Saturday, Jan. 14, Luverne dropped a 10-0 contest to the Warroad Warriors, 2021-22 Class A State Champions.

The Cardinals were scheduled to make up a postponed game with Minnesota River at home Tuesday. They'll face New Ulm at home Thursday, Jan. 19, and they'll travel to Kasson to play Dodge County Saturday, Jan. 21.

Albert Lea 3, Luverne 2

The Luverne girls' hockey team traveled to Albert Lea on Tuesday, Jan. 10, when the Tigers struck early for a 3-2 win.

Albert Lea played tough defense and was able to keep key Cardinal skaters in check and off their game.

The Tigers were called for five penalties in the game, a total of 10 minutes in the box, but Luverne was unable to capitalize on those short-handed opportunities.

In the first period Albert Lea scored at 1:17 with no response by Luverne.

In the second period eighth-grader Tenley Behr scored at 2:44 unassisted to tie the game 1-1.

In the third period the Tigers added two more goals.

At 13:58 Tenley Behr scored again assisted by Ella Apel and goalie Mallory Von Tersch to cut the Tigers' lead to 1.

Unfortunately, the Cardinals were unable to find the goal one more time to tie the game up, and the game ended with a 3-2 LHS loss.

The Tigers' goalie stopped 29 of 31 shots on goal from the Cardinals.

Luverne's goalie Mallory Von Tersch stopped 13 of 16 shots from Albert Lea.

Luverne 8, Blades 1

The Luverne girls' hockey team took down the Breckenridge-Wahpeton Blades 8-1 at the Ella Stern & Harry Stern Sports Arena in Wahpeton Friday, Jan. 13.

The Cardinals powered their way to the Blades goalie, pelting her with 21 shots on goal.

The Blades produced only eight shots on goal, beating LHS senior Mallory Von Tersch one time.

Senior Kamryn Van Batavia scored her second double hat trick this season, her first one was Jan. 9 against Worthington.

Van Batavia now has 36 goals for the season, placing her four goals behind Warroad senior Rylee Bartz in the scoring leader race for 2022-23.

In the first period Kamryn Van Batavia got Luverne started with a goal at 2:11 assisted by Ella Apel and Hannah Woodley.

Van Batavia then scored at 6:34 on a power play assisted by her sister, Ellie, and Payton Behr.

Behr scored Luverne's third goal at 16:33 assisted by Kamryn Van Batavia and Mallory Nelson.

Anika Boll finished the first period with a goal at 16:54 assisted by Ella Apel and Mallory Nelson.

Luverne led 4-0 after the first period and kept the Blades to only one goal in the second period at 2:25.

Kamryn Van Batavia added four goals for Luverne in the second period.

Her first came at 8:20 on a power play assisted by Macie Edstrom.

Her second was at 11:43 assisted by Behr and Nelson.

Her third goal was seconds later, listed at 11:43, playing short-handed, assisted by Behr and Cassidy Saarloos.

Her final goal of the second period came at 14:24 assisted again by her sister, Ellie.

The third period had no scoring by either team.

Warroad 10, Luverne 0

The Cardinal girls' hockey team played in Wahpeton again at the Ella Stern & Harry Stern Sports Arena on Saturday, Jan. 14, this time against Warroad, the 2021-22 Class A State Champions.

This season, to date, the Warriors are 17-2-1 and are favored to make a state title run again this year.

LHS found the Warriors to be as tough as their reputation implies, unable to muster a suitable challenge against a well-oiled machine.

The Cardinals' record moved to 11-5 after Saturday's 10-0 loss to their biggest regular season opponent of the year.

Luverne was able to get off 17 shots on the Warrior goalie Jordyn Werk, but Werk blocked them all.

Senior Mallory Von Tersch faced 47 shots from Warroad, stopping 37 of them.



Greg Hoogeveen photos/0119 HBC BBB Harnack

Senior Brock Harnack goes airborne, switching shooting hands to score against a tall SWC player in Hills Jan. 13.

H-BC boys' basketball play tough against SWC

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team had a busy week playing three games in the past six days.

Two were scheduled and one, Oldham-Ramona-Rutland, was a game postponed from Jan. 3

The Patriots started off hosting Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda Tuesday, Jan. 10, winning 81-68.

H-BC then faced Southwest MN Christian at home Friday, Jan. 13, losing 76-29.

The next day, Saturday, Jan. 14, they traveled to Oldham-Ramona-Rutland, winning 58-33.

The Patriots travel to face Edgerton Tuesday, Jan. 17, and then Adrian-Ellsworth Thursday, Jan. 19.

H-BC 81, HLOF 68

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team hosted Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda Tuesday, Jan. 10.

The Patriots tamed the Coyotes to win 81-68.

"We did a great job exploiting the middle of their zone and knocking down shots early," said head coach Kale Wiertzema.

H-BC went into the break leading

38-35 and opened up in the second, outscoring the Coyotes 43-33.

"We were the aggressors the majority of the game causing HLOF to get in foul trouble and allowing us to grab 10 offensive rebounds resulting in 12 points," Wiertzema said.

Sophomore Beau Bakken had a big night. He posted a double-double, scoring 24 points and 14 rebounds, with three steals and two assists.

Ninth-grader Jamin Metzger added a double-double himself, 16 points and 11 rebounds. He also had three steals and three assists.

Senior Brock Harnack contributed 18 points, seven rebounds and one assist.

Other Patriots scoring in the game were sophomore Cameron Allen with nine points, sophomore Sawyer Bosch with eight, and senior Brayden Metzger, junior Riley Tatge and ninth-grader EJ Wegener with two points each.

SWC 76, H-BC 29

H-BC faced a tall and tenacious SWC team, dropping a 76-29 loss Friday.

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H-BC girls' basketball team drops three games

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team dropped three games this past week.

The Patriots traveled to West Lyon Jan. 10, losing 72-23.

H-BC then played a tough Southwest Christian team at home Jan. 12, giving up a 74-43 loss.

Hills-Beaver Creek traveled to Madison, South Dakota, to take on White River Saturday, Jan. 14, losing 62-55.

The Patriots were scheduled to take on Adrian-Ellsworth at home Tuesday, Jan. 17.

H-BC will then host Mountain Lake Area-Comfrey Friday, Jan. 20

West Lyon 72, H-BC 23

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team lost to a tough Wildcats team, 72-23, at West Lyon Tuesday, Jan. 10.

"It was a battle yet again the other night against West Lyon," said head coach Dylan Gehrke. "They have a balance of quickness, size, and strength that was tough for

us to match up against."

West Lyon opened a lead in the first half, and the Patriot girls had to play catchup ball.

"Our goal was to take away the inside, which then left West Lyon's Klarenbeek with some room to shoot and she made us pay, scoring 27. She is a heck of a player," said Gehrke.

The Wildcats led at the half 27-12, but the Patriots did not give up.

"I thought our girls did an awesome job of going out there and not backing down. I thought we matched their physicality, but yet again we struggled to score," Gehrke said.

In the second half West Lyon held H-BC to only three points.

Gehrke said it's a challenge to play bigger schools that have state tournament experience.

Junior Brynn Rauk led the Patriots with six points, one rebound, two assists, one steal and one blocked shot.

Junior Layla Deelstra added four points, two

assists, one steal and one blocked shot.

Other Patriots scoring in the game were ninth-grader Claire Knobloch with three points, eighth-grader Olivia Deelstra with three, junior Lanae Elbers with three, junior Larissa Steinhoff with two and ninth-grader Abbie Harris with two.

SWC 74, H-BC 43

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team met conference rivals Southwest Christian in Edgerton Thursday, Jan. 12.

The Patriots faced a tough Eagles team, losing 74-43 in a hard-fought game.

"What a wild game that was. It is always fun to go to Southwest Christian and play. There is always a solid crowd and the gym is usually rocking. Such a fun atmosphere to play in, feels like playoff basketball," said coach Gehrke.

H-BC started out strong, hitting a few 3-pointers that got them going.

"We preached in the locker room before the

game that we had to match their intensity on offense and defense. We did a nice job of that for about the first 12 minutes of the first half, then we got into some heavy foul trouble" Gehrke said.

"This took us out of our game and SWC cranked the pressure back up and we had issues getting the ball across half-court which led to some easy buckets for them."

The Patriots ended up trailing the Eagles at the end of the first half 32-24.

In the second half Southwest Christian extended their lead by scoring 42 points to Hills-Beaver Creek's 19.

"I loved the fight and intensity our girls had all night. We just need to work on being disciplined defenders and not committing the silly fouls that get us into trouble," Gehrke said.

Junior Lanae Elbers

led the Patriots with 15 points, nine rebounds, one assist, one steal and four blocked shots.

Eighth-grader Olivia Deelstra added nine points, five rebounds and two assists.

Ninth-grader Abbie Harris had nine points and seven rebounds.

White River 62, H-BC 55

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team traveled to Madison, South Dakota, to take on White River Saturday, Jan. 14.

The Tigers beat the Patriots 62-55 in the matchup.

"Always fun to head to Madison, South Dakota, and play in the Dakota State Classic. Nothing better than getting to play on a college court and get that college basketball atmosphere," said coach Gehrke.

"The girls did a great job coming out and getting after it to start."

H-BC won the first quarter, White River took the second quarter, and it ended up being a tie ball game at the half.

White River started the second half on an 8-0 run to put the Patriots down 33-25.

"We battled throughout the second half, cutting it to three multiple times, but we couldn't get over the hump and take the lead," Gehrke said.

"Props to White River. They won the battle at the free throw line shooting an impressive 22-30, while we went 9-19. We always say that if a team can make more free throws than you attempt, there's a good chance you will come away with the win."

Elbers and Layla Deelstra led the Patriots, scoring 16 points each.

Harris added 11 points, Olivia Deelstra made nine points and Rauk netted three points.

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At left, Senior DJ Rock ties up his JCC opponent during his first match at the Big South Conference Tournament Jan. 14 in Pipestone. Rock placed third in the 170-pound weight class. At right, Junior Sam Rock fights a single leg takedown in his Jan. 14 match at the Big South Conference Tournament in Pipestone. Rock placed second in the 170-pound class.



Greg Hoogeveen photos/0119 wrestling DJ Rock

LHS wrestling stories/continued from page 1B

placed second and DJ Rock placed third. Individual results for Luverne wrestlers:

120 weight class:
Matthew Gangestad placed sixth.
Quarterfinal - Dawson DeCamp (Marshall) won by fall over Matthew Gangestad.
Cons. Round 1 - Matthew Gangestad won by 8-6 decision over Dalton Larson (Worthington).
Cons. Semi - Ryan Moelter (St. Peter) won by fall over Matthew Gangestad.
5th Place Match - Dawson DeCamp (Marshall) won by fall over Matthew Gangestad.



Greg Hoogeveen photos/0119 wrestling Gangestad
Eighth-grader Matthew Gangestad puts his opponent in a "whizzer" arm bar to force him to the mat Jan. 14 in Pipestone. Gangestad finished in sixth place at the Big South Conference Tournament at 120.

126 weight class:
Leif Ingebretsen did not place. Prelim - Aiden Holmberg (Windom-Mountain Lake) won by 5-1 decision over Leif Ingebretsen.
Quarterfinal - Carson Sturtz (Blue Earth Area) won by fall over Leif Ingebretsen.

Valley) won by fall over Hudson Hough.
Prelim - Deontre Torres (St. Peter) won by 15-2 major decision over Hudson Hough.

DJ Rock.
Cons. Semi - DJ Rock won by fall over Kade Gaydon (Blue Earth Area).
3rd Place Match - DJ Rock won by fall over Taylen Travaile (St. Peter).

160 weight class:
DJ Rock placed 3rd. Quarterfinal - DJ Rock won by fall over Trey Rossow (Jackson County Central).
Semifinal - Tate Condezo (Marshall) won by 8-3 decision over

170 weight class:
Sam Rock placed second. Round 1 - Sam Rock received a bye. Quarterfinal - Sam Rock won

by major 8-0 decision over Joseph Connor (St. Peter).
Semifinal - Sam Rock won by 9-2 decision over Tucker Fiene (Marshall).
First Place Match - Dylan Withers (Jackson County Central) won by 5-3 decision over Sam Rock.

285 weight class:
Masyn Akkerman did not place. Round 1 - Masyn Akkerman received a bye.
Quarterfinal - Evan Thompson (New Ulm Area) won by fall over Masyn Akkerman.
Cons. Round 2 - Haadi Ahmed (St. Peter) won by 5-2 decision over Masyn Akkerman.

Champlain Park girls
The Luverne girls' wrestling team trekked to Champlain Park to compete against female wrestlers from 26 different teams and had a stellar day.

Bernie Rock and CeCe Rock took first place. Andi Luitjens placed third, Zakada Bradley was fifth and Julia Hoogland sixth.

boys' hockey/from 1B

Luverne 7, Fairmont 1

The Luverne boys' hockey team traveled to Fairmont on Monday, Jan.16.

Fairmont's goalie faced 37 shots on goal from Luverne, stopping 30 of them.

For Luverne, goalie Tyler Arends stood strong and let only one of 21 shots get past him.

Fairmont started the game with a goal in the first period at 11:57, and that is where Fairmont's scoring stopped.

Luverne started the second period down 1-0.

Brady Bork got Luverne started with a goal at 10:21 with an assist from Elliot Domagala.

Elliot Domagala then scored at 10:42 assisted by Kroski.

After two periods Luverne went ahead 2-1.

In the third period Behrend scored twice unassisted, once at 2:24 and then at 5:12.

Elliot Domagala scored his second goal on a power play at 9:03 assisted by Kroski and Behrend.

Behrend scored his third, a hat trick, at 9:53 on a power play assisted by Sudenga and Blaik Bork.

Maddux Domagala closed the game scoring at 15:48 in the third period unassisted.

LHS gymnastics/from 1B

fer placed sixth with a 9.225 and Cowell placed 10th with a 9.100.

Cowell also placed third in the Invitational "Dream Team" beam standings, which recognizes the Top 4 finishers in each individual apparatus.

Here is a list of other Luverne gymnasts and their scores:

Hailey Como 29.175

Vault
Kianna Winter 8.575
Hailey Como 8.550
Kendra Thorson 8.550

Uneven parallel bars
Reagan Gangestad 7.325
Sarah de Cesare 7.250
Hailey Como 6.625

Beam
Reagan Gangestad 8.050
Kianna Winter 7.400
Kendra Thorson 6.900

Floor
Kianna Winter 8.800
Sarah de Cesare 8.450
Addyson Mann 8.100

All-Around
Sarah de Cesare 31.575
Kianna Winter 31.475
Addyson Mann 31.425
Reagan Gangestad 30.775
Kendra Thorson 29.450



Hommen gets Hole-In-One

Jack Hommen, a retired LHS graduate now living in Luverne, made a hole-in-one Thursday, Jan. 5, while playing Trilogy at Power Ranch golf course in Gilbert, Arizona.

Hommen used a 9-iron on the 123-yard fourth hole to accomplish his feat.

Rick Serie, Tom Skatum and Dave Gangestad witnessed the shot.

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H-BC boys/continued from 1B

day, Jan. 13, in Hills.

The Eagles jumped out to a 21-1 lead in the first half and didn't look back.

"They made us uncomfortable on both ends of the floor and continued to extend their lead," head coach Kale Wiertzema said.

The Patriots never gave up and continued playing hard against the Eagles' fast-paced tempo.

Jamin Metzger led H-BC with eight points, one steal and one assist.

Riley Tatge added five points, three rebounds and one assist.

Cameron Allen, Brayden Metzger and EJ Wegener added four points each.

Beau Bakken and Brock Harnack contributed two points each.

H-BC 58, ORR 33

The Patriots traveled to play Oldham-Ramona-Rutland Saturday, Jan. 14, winning the game 58-33.

"We did a great job executing on the defensive end of the floor. We held

Oldham-Ramona-Rutland to five points in the first quarter and three points in the third quarter," Wiertzema said.

"Offensively I thought we could have done a little better job staying patient and getting better movement."

Beau Bakken led the Patriots with a double-double, scoring 12 points and 14 rebounds. Bakken also had three blocked shots and three steals.

Jamin Metzger posted 11 points, four rebounds, one blocked shot, five steals and four assists.

Cameron Allen and Sawyer Bosch netted 10 points each.

Allen grabbed four rebounds, had one blocked shot, two steals and two assists.

Bosch contributed three rebounds and one steal.

Other Patriots scoring in the game were Bush and Tatge with five points each, Brayden Metzger with three points, and Wegener with two points.

To post or not to post

By Scott Rall Outdoors columnist

There is nothing better than a great photo of an outdoor experience. As an old-school kind of guy, the new current trend of everything being digital makes my life a little harder.

I actually have a wall of fame in my garage. I have a collection of printed pictures from years of different experiences printed and stapled to this wall.

It seems today an actual print is kind of like a dinosaur. Trying to find one specific picture in a phone that has hundreds takes a good set of reader glasses and lots of time. By the time I find the photo I am looking for, the subject matter of the conversation has already changed about 65 different times.

What I try hard never to do is what I call meat pictures. You see them all the time, and they usually include some stockpile of some sort of animal or fish killed and stacked in a pile. I have never found these to be to my liking.

Social media has transformed bragging and taken it to a new height. There just seem to be more and more folks who think that the only way they can feel good about their hunting and fishing talent is to post pictures of more game and fish than their counterparts could ever amass.

A group photo of each person holding one pheasant or one nice fish has been replaced with "Wow, we killed our limit for five days in a row" shots. This creates many behaviors I don't like.

Focusing on the harvest and not on the experience gives those new to the sport the idea that success is only measured in total volume.

I was explaining to a new friend the other day



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall Outdoors columnist

that when I go fishing, my great day is a nice calm day on the water with the Twins playing on the radio in the background. I really don't even like sports. It's just the outdoor experience I strive for.

Videos of kill shots on a nice deer or 10 guns going off on a flock of geese is exciting for some but not necessary in my book. Harvest is certainly part of the outdoor experience, but I don't think it needs to be the centerpiece of your public broadcasting on social media.

Numbers at one time went along these lines. About 11 percent of the population is totally pro hunting and fishing. About 11 percent of the population is totally anti hunting and fishing, and the rest of the population is just neutral. Social media has the ability to reach many members of the large middle group. We as sportsmen and women need to act in a manner that allows that big group in the middle to stay there.

People who break game and fish laws are not sportsmen or sportswomen. They are just poachers, plain and simple. When social media announces a hot bite on a local lake,

there is that small percentage of the population that will go and take a limit, take them home, and then take another limit and do so over and over until the bite subsides. This instant information sharing allows those less than credible minority to capitalize on their bad behaviors.

In some cases, the social media craze can bring so many people to the same spot that as a result, the lake will experience so much harvest that it takes several years for that body of water to recover.

Now, I help people try to be successful at many outdoor activities. I share good public land spots for pheasants, for example. The difference is that scientifically/biologically you cannot overharvest roosters in a controlled season. Reducing rooster populations actually allows the remaining hens to enter the nesting season in better physical condition.

In the end the old saying, "Tell the truth but don't always be telling it," might just be the moral of my story today. Don't judge your success based on the social media meat shots that are prevalent today. Did you have a quality outing? Did you clean game for the freezer? Would one more fish or game have made your day better?

Maybe it's just because I am getting older, but bragging and boasting about the kill certainly has less appeal than it used to.

You can make your own decision, but before you make any post, ask yourself this question: Will this post advance conservation or motivate others to do good work? Then decide to hit post or delete.

Scott Rall, Worthington, is a habitat conservationist, avid hunting and fishing enthusiast and is president of Nobles County Pheasants Forever. He can be reached at scottall@gmail.com. or on Twitter @habitat champion.

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Friday, Jan. 20: 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Sunday, Jan. 22: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School. Tuesday, Jan. 24: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Jan. 25: 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs. 6:30 p.m. Youth Groups. CommServices are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne.

Rock River Community Church
1075 110th Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-9070; email: info@rockrivercommunity.church
Bob Junak, Pastor

Come as you are—Sundays @ 10 a.m.: Main Service. Kids church age 3-6th grade—Nursery. Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. Midweek Service—Kids age 3-6th grade.

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529

Saturday, Jan. 21: 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Connell Bridal Shower. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Jan. 22: 9 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 9:15 a.m. Coffee. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Officer Recognition. Sunday, 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. ALIVE field trip. Monday, Jan. 23: 7 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible Study. Tuesday, Jan. 24: 1:30 p.m. Sewn in Faith 7 p.m. Scouts. Wednesday, Jan. 25: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Prayer Chapel. **5:30 p.m. Community Meal.** 6:15 p.m. FUEL. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Jan. 26: Seedbed Class. Live streamed on Facebook and radio.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net

Sundays: 9 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 10:15 a.m. Worship service. Youth Sunday school during worship service. In-

person Worship service and live on Facebook. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

St. John Lutheran Church
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316; email: stjoh@iw.net
www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org

Saturdays: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Fellowship Time. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. Wednesdays: 9 a.m. Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. Catechesis Class. 6:30 p.m. Kids for Christ. 7:30 p.m. Youth Group. Services will be available on the Vast Channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, cityofluverne.org. Holy Communion is offered on 2nd and 4th weekends and Liturgical Feasts.

Living Rock Church
500 E. Main St., Luverne
Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org
Josh Hayden, Pastor

New Life Celebration Church
101 W. Maple, Luverne
Ph. (605) 368-1924; email: newlifecelbation@gmail.com

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. (507) 669-2855; zionoffice@alliancecom.net
Jesse Baker, Pastor

Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Bible study. Worship service on Luverne cable at 3:30 p.m. every Thursday and Friday.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church
26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.
igtwlb@WOW.net
Bill Bates, Pastor

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Mark Eliason, Pastor

Wednesdays in January: Confirmation resumes at First Lutheran. Sunday, Jan. 22: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship at First Lutheran Church. All are welcome. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @FirstLutheranValley Springs; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — palisadchurch@alliancecom.net
www.palisadelutheran.org

Wednesdays in January: Confirmation resumes at First Lutheran. Sunday, Jan. 22: 9 a.m. Worship Service at Palisade Lutheran Church. 10 a.m. Sunday School. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @PalisadeLC; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. 507-935-5025
email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. Session meeting.

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Ph. 605-215-3429
email: magnoliannumc@gmail.com
Nancy Manning, Pastor

Sundays: 9 a.m., in-person with livestream available on the church's Facebook site.

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave., Steen
Ph. 855-2336
Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship service in-person with livestream available on Facebook and YouTube. Radio worship on KQAD Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270 / bethlehemofhills@gmail.com
Nita Parker, Pastor

Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. Worship Service. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website blchills.org.

Hills United Reformed Church
410 S. Central Ave., Hills
Office Ph. 962-3254
hillsurc@alliancecom.net
Alan Camarigg, Pastor

Connection sharpens our purpose

Every sharp tool is sharpened for a purpose. A woodcarver's set of knives is sharpened to the arc and angle needed. A hunter's knife is sharpened to efficiently skin an animal. A butcher's knife is sharpened to cut quickly through whatever meat or food is being chopped.

God puts us in connection with others to sharpen our purpose. He knows that our role on this earth, while unique and individual, is sharper when we are in connection with others.

"As you come to him, the living Stone — rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him — you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." 1 Peter 2:4-5

The Lord loves to take us as individuals, redeem us in Christ, and then build us together with others to be the "priesthood" he designed us to be.

What does that priesthood do? Offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Collectively, we are living for the Lord.

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God — this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will." Romans 12:1-2

Again, we realize all of our life is one lived for the glory of the Lord. While we can do that individually, our effectiveness is when God combines our lives with the lives of others to carry out his purpose and mission on earth.

If he needed just one, he would have stopped with Jesus. However, Jesus chose 12 along with other followers who became the first New Testament Church. That quickly expanded to 3,000

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Mike Geiger, Crosspoint Church, Georgetown, Texas (WELS)

on Pentecost and hasn't stopped growing since.

Individually and collectively we "declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness." When one gets discouraged, another is there to encourage. When one stumbles, another is there to pick them up. When one grows weary, another is there to strengthen. When one loses their way, another is there to go after them. When one needs to learn, another is there to teach.

It's what God's people do for each other and with each other when we collectively see and carry out our purpose in this life. We are here to follow the Lord and declare the praises of the Lord.

How?

By the sharpening of the Spirit and his work through others to remove the dull edges with the friction of sharpening and through the sparks to purify for himself a people that are his own.

"For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope — the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good." Titus 2:11-13

Iron will sharpen iron. One person will sharpen another.

It's not always easy, but it's God's way of making us sharp to carry out his purpose!

Lord, help us to receive the sparks of sharpening, knowing that your will is to sharpen for yourself a people who are transformed by and living out your grace!

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Star Herald PUBLIC NOTICES

School District #671 seeks group insurance bids

Hills-Beaver Creek District 671 requests proposals for group insurance coverage for the health plan year beginning July 1, 2023. Sealed proposals will be accepted in paper or digital form until 5:00 p.m. central time between March 13 – 31, 2023, at Hills-Beaver Creek District 671, 301 N Summit Ave, PO Box 547, Hills, MN 56138. Copies of the complete request for proposal may be requested from Todd Holthaus, t.holthaus@isd671.net and will be sent electronically at no charge. The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities. The District reserves the right to select the proposal which it determines to be in the best interest of the District. (1-19, 1-26)

Smook Estate Order and Notice to Creditors

STATE OF MINNESOTA PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF ROCK DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
In Re: Estate of Court File No. 67-PR-22-305
Christopher Jon Smook, a/k/a Christopher J. Smook,
a/k/a Christopher Smook,
Deceased
ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP AND APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR IN SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:
It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of January, 2023, at 8:30 O'clock A.M., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship and for the appointment of Alexis Jean Smook, whose address is 209 West 3rd St., Hills, Minnesota 56138, as administrator of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said administrator will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the administrator shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.
Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representatives or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Date Filed: December 28, 2022 /s/ Terry S. Vajrt
District Court Judge

Douglas E. Eisma /s/ Natalie Reisch
Attorney for Petitioner Court Administrator
Eisma and Eisma (COURT SEAL)
130 East Main
Luverne, MN 56156
(507) 283-4828
I.D. #158343 (01-12, 01-19)

City of Luverne seeks bids for the Lopau Addition

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the City Council of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota at the Luverne City Offices, 305 East Luverne Street, P.O. Box 659, Luverne, Minnesota 56156 on Tuesday, the 7th of February, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. for the Lopau Addition, Luverne, Minnesota, at which time the proposals shall be publicly opened and read aloud by the City Administrator and Engineer.
The approximate quantities of work on which proposals will be received are as follows:

- 3,478 L.F. PCC Curb and Gutter, B624
- 1,730 Ton Bituminous Pavement
- 1,117 L.F. Storm Sewer, Varied Sizes
- 1,630 L.F. Sanitary Sewer Main
- 1,692 L.F. Water Main
- 15 Ea. Storm and Sanitary Structures
- 25,120 C.Y. Common Excavation
- 13,600 C.Y. Topsoil, On-Site

and other related items of construction.

All bids shall be made on proposal forms furnished by the Engineer and shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a certified check or bid bond, made payable to the City of Luverne, Minnesota, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid, which security becomes the property of the City in the event the successful bidder fails to enter into contract and post satisfactory bond. Work shall commence on or after April 10, 2023. All work shall be completed by September 2, 2023.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technicalities and irregularities. The City also reserves the right to increase, decrease or delete items of work to comply with budget limitations.
The City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

The Contractor and all subcontractors shall submit to the Owner a signed statement verifying compliance with each of the criteria described in the State of Minnesota "Responsible Contractor" law as codified in Minnesota Statute section 16C.285. See the Instructions to Bidders for more details.

Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents for \$20.00 by inputting Quest project #8366055 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. An optional paper set of the proposal forms and specifications for individual use may be obtained from the office of the Engineer, DGR Engineering, 1302 South Union, P.O. Box 511, Rock Rapids, Iowa 51246, telephone 712-472-2531, Fax 712-472-2710, e-mail: dgr@dgr.com, upon payment of \$50.00, none of which is refundable. Published upon order of the City Council of Luverne, Minnesota.
CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA

By /s/ Patrick T. Baustian
Mayor
(01-19)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for March 16

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 15, 2010
MORTGAGOR: Chad M. Gruis, single.
MORTGAGEE: First Farmers & Merchants National Bank.
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded December 16, 2010, Rock County Recorder, Document No. 175211.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. Dated October 15, 2010, Recorded December 16, 2010, as Document No. 175212. And thereafter assigned to: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC. Dated August 17, 2020, Recorded August 20, 2020, as Document No. 197744.
TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORT-

GAGE: NONE
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: First Farmers & Merchants National Bank
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: LoanCare, LLC
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 811 North Spring Street, Luverne, MN 56156

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 200286000
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
The S.7 feet of Lot 2 and the N.65 feet of Lot 4 in Block 6 in Bark, Adams & Howe's Addition to the Village (now City) of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota.
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$78,963.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$62,033.91

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: March 16, 2023, at 10:00 A.M.
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on September 18, 2023, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None
THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: January 9, 2023

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE & BARBEE, P.L.L.P.

Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
4500 Park Glen Road #300
Minneapolis, MN 55416
(952) 925-6888
100 - 22-006876 FC

IN THE EVENT REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW: THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
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H-BC School Board meets Dec. 27

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671
Minutes
Dec. 27, 2022

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the H-BC Secondary School Board room, 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN. Board members and Administration present were Bosch, Fransman, Gehrke, Harnack, Knobloch, Rauk and Rozeboom. Superintendent Holthaus and Business Manager Rozeboom were also in attendance. Principal Kellenberger was absent. Motion by Rozeboom, second by Bosch, and carried to approve the agenda.

Visitors to the meeting were Mavis Fodness - Star Herald, Matt Taubert - Meulebroeck, Taubert & Co., PLLP, Ehlers Finance- Matthew Hammer, RA Morton- Preston Eulerle, ATS & R- Dean Beeninga/Sarah Fox.
Auditor Report for District Financials Fiscal Year 2022 (Meulebroeck, Taubert & Co., PLLP)
PATRIOT PRIDE:

- Secondary Power Mechanics Equipment Grant -Frank Boon
- Knowledge Bowl Red Team moving on to Regionals
- Renaee Knobloch for her service on the H-BC School Board of Education
- Harley Fransman for his service on the H-BC School Board of Education Committee Reports/Updates:
Staff Development/TAB 12/1
Motion by Fransman, second by Harnack, and carried to approve Consent

Agenda:
-Minutes—12/12/2022 and 12/19/2022
-Bills

-Imprest Cash Report -Treasurer Report
-Student Activity Account Report
Motion by Harnack, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve accepting the findings of the District's Fiscal Year 2022 Financial Audit as presented by Meulebroeck, Taubert and CO., PLLP
Motion by Knobloch, second by Fransman, and carried to approve First Reading of E Learning Day Plan Procedures recommended changes.

Motion by Bosch, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve Donation Resolution:
-\$100 from Doug & Lois Boeve and AJ & Brittany Hoogeveen for Elementary School Lunch Program
-\$250 from Anonymous for School Lunch Program and Activity Fees
-\$350 from Steen Reformed Church Sunday School Dept for H-BC Students in need administrative discretion

-\$60,377.04 from Frank Boon Trust for Equipment for Power Mechanics Program
DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:
•New/Remodel Facility Project Updates, Discussion, Proposals, Costing

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
DATES TO REMEMBER:
-Regular Board Meeting, Monday, January 9
-Regular Board Meeting, Monday, January 23
Time of Adjournment: 8:39 p.m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk
(01-19)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Feb. 23, 2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

Mortgagor: Manuel Olson, A Single Person
Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Reliabank Dakota, its successors and assigns
Dated: September 25, 2018
Recorded: September 27, 2018
Rock County Recorder Document No. 193501
Assigned To: Citizens Bank, N.A.

Dated: October 14, 2020
Recorded: October 15, 2020
Rock County Recorder Document No. 198166
Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 10113490000029609
Lender or Broker: Reliabank Dakota, a Corporation
Residential Mortgage Servicer: Citizens Bank
Mortgage Originator: Reliabank Dakota, a Corporation

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LOT 2 IN BLOCK 2 IN AUDITOR'S PLAT NO. 2 IN THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 2 IN TOWNSHIP 102 NORTH OF RANGE 45 WEST OF THE 5TH PM, ROCK COUNTY, MINNESOTA.

This is Abstract Property.
TAX PARCEL NO.: 20-0215-000
ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:
728 N Estey St
Luverne, MN 56156
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$85,877.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$102,709.00

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: February 23, 2023, 10:00 A.M.
PLACE OF SALE: Lobby of Rock County Law Enforcement Center, 1000 N Blue Mound Ave, Luverne, MN

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within 6 Months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.
DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: The date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Minnesota Statutes section 580.30 or the property redeemed under Minnesota Statutes section 580.23 is August 23, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: NONE
THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: December 21, 2022

Citizens Bank, N.A., Assignee of Mortgagee
By: HALLIDAY, WATKINS & MANN, P.C.
Attorneys for:
Citizens Bank, N.A., Assignee of Mortgagee
1333 Northland Drive, Suite 205
Mendota Heights, MN 55120
801-355-2886
651-228-1753 (fax)

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
MN21097. (12-29, 01-05, 01-12, 01-19, 01-26, 02-02)

Rock County Highway Dept. seeks bids for Beaver Creek historic bridge project

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Beaver Creek Historic Bridge Rehabilitation Project
S.A.P. 067-597-005

Sealed proposals will be received by the Rock County Highway Department at Luverne, Minnesota, until **11:00 A.M. on Monday February 13th, 2023.**

READ CAREFULLY THE PROVISIONS FOR THE WAGE RATES AS CONTAINED IN THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS, AS THEY WILL AFFECT THIS PROJECT.

Attention is called to the fact that the Contractor must comply with the **Special Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions** as contained in the Proposal. Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, Minnesota immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on Tuesday, December 13th, 2022, at the regular Rock County Board of Commissioners Meeting held in the Law Library at the Rock County Courthouse.

The Major Quantities of Work are: 189 Sq. Ft. Historic Concrete Surface Repair; 63 Cu. Yds. Random Riprap Matrix; 152 Sq. Ft. Concrete Surface Repair; 1 Lump Sum Membrane Waterproofing; 242 Cu Yds. Structural Excavation; 42 Lin. Ft. Repair Structural Cracks; 63 Cu Yds. Random Rip Rap Class 3.

Plans, specifications and proposals may be viewed and downloaded on Quest at www.questcdn.com and at the Rock County Highway Department website, www.co.rock.mn.us/highway. Questions may be directed to the office of the Rock County Highway Engineer, 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue, P.O. Box 808, Luverne, MN 56156-0808 / (507) 283 - 5010.

The non-refundable cost for Plans and one proposal will be \$50.00.
Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond drawn in favor of the Rock County Treasurer in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the proposal.

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked **"PROJECT NO. SAP 067-597-005.**
The Board of Rock County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects therein.
Rock County is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Mark R. Sehr, P.E.
Rock County Highway Engineer
(01-19, 01-26, 02-02)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Feb. 2, 2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That Default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: 08/29/2016
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$79,948.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Erin C. Cogdill and Travis L. Cogdill
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Reliabank Dakota

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: 08/30/2016 as Doc No. 189031 in the Office of the County Recorder in Rock County, Minnesota.
The mortgage was assigned for value as follows:
Assignee: Citizens Bank, N.A.
Assignment dated: 1/23/2020
Assignment recorded: 1/27/2020
Assignment recording information: Doc No. 196403

All in the records of the County Recorder in Rock County, Minnesota.
TAX PARCEL I.D. NO.: 20-0664-000
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LOT 10 IN THE FIRST SUBDIVISION

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OF BLOCK 6 IN GREENVALE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF LUVERNE, ROCK COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Abstract Property

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 330 SW Park St., Luverne, MN 56156
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Reliabank Dakota
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Citizens Bank, N.A.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE: \$102,572.68 AS OF 12/30/2022.

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes. Pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Rock County, Minnesota at public auction as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: 02/02/2023 at 10:00 A.M.

PLACE OF SALE: Rock County Sheriff's Office, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave, Luverne, MN 56156 to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said Mortgagor(s) or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the mortgagor must vacate the mortgaged property by 11:59 p.m. on 08/02/2023, or the next business day if 08/02/2023 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: NONE

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS THAT MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Publication to begin the week of: 12/11/2022 - 12/17/2022

Citizens Bank, N.A.,

Mortgagee/Mortgage Assignee

The Sayer Law Group,

P.C., By Brian G. Sayer,

Attorney for Mortgagee/Mortgage Assignee

925 E 4th St.,

Waterloo, IA 50703

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. (12-15, 12-22, 12-29, 01-05, 01-12, 01-19)

Valetta Sculpt Activewear assumes name

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CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME
MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 333**

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ASSUMED NAME: Valetta Sculpt Activewear

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:

601 NE Park Street, Luverne, MN 56156 USA

NAMEHOLDER(S):

Name: Sophia's Style, LLC

Address: 601 NE Park Street, Luverne, MN 56156 USA

If you submit an attachment, it will be incorporated into this document. If the attachment conflicts with the information specifically set forth in this document, this document supersedes the data referenced in the attachment.

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

Signature: /s/ Sophia G. Eisma

MAILING ADDRESS: None Provided

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: sophiageisma@gmail.com

(01-19, 01-26)

Rock County Commissioners meet Nov. 22

**Herreid Board Room 9:00 A.M.
Rock County Courthouse Nov. 22, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair with Commissioners Overgaard, Thompson, Burger and Williamson present. Also in attendance were Administrator Kyle Oldre, Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum, County Attorney Jeff Haubrich and Star-Herald Reporter Mavis Fodness.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the November 22, 2022, County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the November 08, 2022, County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

By order of the Chair, to recess the County Board meeting and open a Public Hearing at 9:01 A.M.; purpose of the meeting to hear comments on the potential adoption of a new ordinance regarding the Sale of Hemp Derived Products. Ben Vander Kooi, City of Luverne Attorney, stated that the city supports the ordinance and requested clarification regarding Subdivision 11 of the ordinance.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Williamson, to close the Public Hearing at 9:15 A.M., declared carried on a voice vote. The County Board meeting resumed at 9:16 A.M..

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to lift the moratorium on the sale of hemp derived THC (tetrahydrocannabinols) food and beverages (Resolution No. 28-22), declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve Resolution No. 37-22, the adoption of a Hemp Derived Products ordinance, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Burger, to set the Hemp Derived Product license at \$500.00, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to approve the consent agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. (6) Service contract renewals for 2023 – Rock County Opportunities
2. CAD-RMS system Maintenance contract renewal \$28,846.87; expenditure is E911 eligible.
3. MCCC /County Attorney User Group support agreement with Strategic Technologies, Inc., effective 01/01/2023

Mark Sehr, Engineer, requested approval of Resolution No. 36-22, supporting the City of Luverne Grant Application for the Sybesma Subdivision connection to the Luverne Loop Trail project; the grant application names Rock County as the sponsor and will be responsible for the project bid letting and final inspection. Motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer informed the County Board of safety concerns of the Walleye Wind Tower 5 road access as the driveway is a hidden driveway; the landowner does not want to move the access. Sehr reported that Next Era will add signage warning drivers of the hidden driveway.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$1,700.00; motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to pay the claims, declared carried on a unanimous vote. A complete listing the claims is available at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

NOVEMBER 22, 2022 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000

AMERICAN ENGINEERING TESTING, INC 515,600.00
CENTERPOINT ENERGY 2,921.60

CHS INC	4,573.47
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	6,755.00
DIAMOND D CONSTRUCTION	7,500.00
ERICKSON ENGINEERING	13,590.50
EVERBRIDGE INC	4,129.17
FIALA/ERNEST G	2,100.00
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	6,348.61
GRAHAM TIRE-WORTHINGTON	5,416.28
JOHNSON CONTROLS	55,760.00
KETTERLING SERVICES INC	16,190.83
LUVERNE/CITY OF	7,735.48
MORRIS ELECTRONICS	4,866.08
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	2,300.00
MVTL LABORATORIES INC	2,549.38
ROCK COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	3,790.00
ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES	2,297.94
SANDERS INC	2,553.00
SEACHANGE	2,530.30
W & N CONSTRUCTION INC	13,687.52
59 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	18,472.99
TOTAL	\$201,668.15

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report which reflected the second half collection of property taxes for agriculture. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Thompson, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer presented an update of the 2022 General Election for Rock County. Voter turnout was 74.85%, which is consistent with other mid-term elections; the Post Election Review went well too. There was a discussion regarding the discussion to re-establish polling places that are currently mail ballot precincts. It was determined to begin the discussion at the Annual Township meeting scheduled for December 2nd, more information will be forthcoming.

The County Board was in receipt of the 2023 Tax Capacity Rates for the Truth and Taxation Hearing scheduled for December 13 at 6:00 P.M.

The County Board was informed that the Department of Motor Vehicle Drivers Testing schedule will resume to the pre-covid schedule and will be in Rock County on a weekly basis.

The County Board was informed that the MCIT voting delegates are Kyle Oldre and Sherri Thompson (alternate); it was determined to keep them the same.

The County Board briefly reviewed the schedule for the AMC Annual Conference scheduled for December 4-7 in Bloomington, Minnesota; no action was taken.

The Administrator reminded the County Board that due the Truth and Taxation Hearing scheduled for December 13 at 6:00 P.M., the County Board meeting of December 13 would begin at 4:00 P.M.

The County Board was in receipt of a notice of a FEMA Consultation Coordination Office (CCO) meeting to review updated flood maps of Rock County and the appeals and comments process; the meeting is scheduled for December 1st at 3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. and Open House event is scheduled for December 1st at 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M., all at the Rock County Courthouse.

The Administrator stated that his office had the following activities: Union negotiations and mediation where a tentative agreement has been determined, also discussed the projected state surplus and staying diligent with current economic development activities.

Commissioner Burger recognized Luke Comeau, Director of Southwestern Mental Health organization addressing the exit plan for Rock County. No action was taken.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings: Extension, Rural Water, One Water One Plan, Soil & Water Conservation District, Beaver Creek Township driveway issue and Daycare meeting. Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the following meetings: Library and Daycare meetings.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings: Daycare, Canvassing Board and Extension.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings: (2) Southwest Health & Human Services, Community Corrections, Canvassing Board, Southwestern Mental Health, Union Negotiation.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings: Community Corrections, Union Negotiation and Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourned by order of the chair.

(01-19)

Rock County Commissioners meet Dec. 13

**Herreid Board Room 9:00 A.M.
Rock County Courthouse Dec. 13, 2022**

The was called to order by the Chair with Commissioners Overgaard, Thompson, Burger and Williamson present. Also in attendance were Administrator Kyle Oldre, Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum, County Attorney Jeff Haubrich and Star-Herald Reporter Mavis Fodness.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the December 13, 2022, County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Williamson, to approve the November 22, 2022, County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Beth Wilms, Southwest Health & Human Services Director, and support staff members identified how the transition from Southwest Mental Health (SMHS) services to Southwest Health & Human Services (SWHHS) will look like by utilizing third party counseling services. Mobile crisis services will remain with SMHS due to a DHS grant and Rock County will continue services with the Southwest Mental Health Consortium; the other services will be handled on a case-by-case basis. SMHS will offer ala carte services to ensure the transition goes smoothly.

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director presented information regarding Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS), which referenced as "forever chemicals" and are found in everything. PFAS have been showing up in water samples around landfill and demolition sites. The information was presented informational only.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, informed the County Board that Lyon County Landfill are raising the tipping fees for Mixed Solid Waste (MSW) by \$3.00/ton

effective 01/01/2023; Sehr requested approval to increase the county's MSW tipping fee to \$93.00/ton, also a \$3.00/ton increase. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard to approve the increase, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to approve Resolution No. 38-22, which renews an existing agreement #1052175 with MnDOT to allow Rock County to administer and receive Federal Aid Construction Projects, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer requested final payment \$43,053.93 to Duinink, Inc. for the (6) Bituminous Mill/Overlay projects conducted in 2022; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer presented the following bids for the 2023 Bituminous Rehabilitation projects:

Duinink, Inc	\$4,894,556.04
Knife River Corp	\$4,952,316.72
Central Specialties Inc	\$4,953,962.50
Engineers estimate	\$3,973,651.95

There was considerable discussion regarding the bid differential between the vendors and the Engineer's estimate and the optional options. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to award the project to the low compliant bidder, Duinink, Inc. for \$4,894,556.04, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer presented a Walleye Wind project update stating that reclamation activities will be ending December 20th and will resume next spring when the weather allows. Currently 8-10 turbines are commissioned and operating and that they will continue to commission the rest of the turbines over the winter.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$3,300.00; motion by Thompson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve declared carried on a unanimous vote. A complete listing the claims is available at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

DECEMBER 13, 2022 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000

A & B BUSINESS INC	\$2,849.60
BAKER & TAYLOR	2,145.63
CHS INC	13,118.82
CLIFTON LARSON ALLEN LLP	14,721.00
CONCRETE CREATIONS	4,966.00
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	6,755.00
DELL RAPIDS CUSTOM TRAILERS, INC.	13,865.00
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	4,083.10
HENNING CONSTRUCTION, INC	3,469.53
HOWES OIL CO	2,309.50
KETTERLING SERVICES INC	13,903.57
LYON COUNTY LANDFILL	16,290.42
MORRIS ELECTRONICS	3,008.74
NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	4,740.00
ROCK COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	2,219.79
ROCK COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	17,206.40
ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES	2,642.63
SANDERS INC	2,543.75
SCHNEIDER GEOSPATIAL	2,300.00
SIOUX FALLS/CITY	3,680.65
STAPLES ENTERPRISES INC	3,755.28
SUPERIOR CAULKING INC	7,875.80
TOWMASTER	2,010.57
VIKING ELECTRIC LLC	3,807.91
78 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	39,701.96
TOTAL	\$193,970.65

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report which reflected the 2nd half of Ag tax settlement; motion by Burger, seconded by Williamson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer presented (2) license applications from Herb N'Legend and Rock River Apothecary to sell Hemp Derived products; the Auditor/Treasurer stated that background checks have been conducted with no findings and license fees (\$500.00) have been collected. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Thompson, to the licenses for Herb N'Legend and Rock River Apothecary with an effective date of 12/15/22 – 12/31/2023, declared carried on a voice vote.

There was a brief discussion regarding the mail ballot process with no action taken. Sheriff Evan Verbrugge introduced new Deputy Zachary Keeseey and conducted a swearing ceremony. The County Board welcomed Deputy Keeseey to Rock County.

Motion by Williamson, seconded Burger, to approve (3) AFCME Union Contracts for Highway, Deputy and Dispatchers effective 01/01/2023 – 12/31/2025, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Reisch, to approve a 5% COLA effective 01/01/2023 for nonunion employees, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve the 2023 Cafeteria Contribution of \$852.70, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Williamson, to approve an amendment to the A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement, declared carried on a voice vote. The amendment authorized Pipestone County to join the organization.

The County Administrator updated the County Board on the following: building issues due to ice, a follow up regarding the Community Ventures EDA event which has presented additional opportunities for potential businesses looking to locate in Rock County, FEMA Floodplain meeting, EMPG, meeting with the hospital administration regarding mental services and an overview of the (3) union contracts.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings: Rural Water, Annual Township, AMC Conference, and FEMA Floodplain map. Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the following meetings: Annual Township, FEMA Floodplain map, AMC Annual Conference.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings: FEMA Floodplan map, Community Ventures EDA event.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings: Annual Township, AMC Annual Conference, FEMA Floodplain map, Union negotiations. Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings: Annual Township, FEMA Floodplain map, AMC Annual Conference, met with the Sheriff to discuss salary, EDA meeting.

With no further business to come before the County Board, motion by Thompson, seconded by Overgaard to adjourn the meeting, declared carried on a voice vote.

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Rock County Commissioners meet Dec. 27

Herreid Board Room 9:00 A.M.
Rock County Courthouse Dec. 27, 2022
The meeting was called to order by the Chair with Commissioners Overgaard, Thompson, and Williamson present; Commissioner Burger was absent. Also in attendance were Administrator Kyle Oldre, Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum, County Attorney Jeff Haubrich and Star-Herald Reporter Mavis Fodness.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.
Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve the December 27, 2022, County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve the December 13, 2022, County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Evan Verbrugge, Sheriff, informed the County Board that the Rock County Sheriff's Office is partnering with the Luverne Area Community Foundation for a fundraiser entitled "Reezin for Freezin" scheduled for February 2, 2023, at The Lake location. Presented as informational only.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, requested approval of Resolution No. 39-22, requesting \$318,167 to be advanced from the 2024 Regular State Aid Construction Fund Account if needed; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to declare as surplus a 2007 Chevy Silverado 1/2 ton pickup and to sell on GovBids website, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer requested final contract payment to Duininck, Inc. for \$112,588.90 for SP 067-604-031, a mill/overlay project from the Rock River bridge in Luverne to the Nobles County line, contingent on the MnDOT Office of Civil rights approval of the final contract documents. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve the claims and Per Diems of \$1,000, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing the claims is available at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

DECEMBER 27, 2022 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000

BUFFALO RIDGE CONCRETE	\$5,060.00
CENTERPOINT ENERGY	5,278.51
CHS	3,051.78
ERICKSON ENGINEERING CO LLC	8,494.50
FLEET SERVICES	6,780.43
JOHNSON CONTROLS	206,030.36
LITTLE FALLS MACHINE INC	2,465.53
LUVERNE/CITY OF	16,914.70
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	6,114.00
NORTHERN SAFETY TECHNOLOGY INC	2,566.00
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA	19,237.25
TOLLEFSON PUBLISHING	2,239.00
ZIEGLER	13,150.00
54 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	23,783.58
TOTAL	\$321,165.64

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report; motion by Thompson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator led a discussion regarding Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT), and that there was a formula adjustment which now establishes a minimum payment threshold of \$50,000. As per recommendation from the Administrator, motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to approve the local distribution formula of \$7,768.43 to Mound Township and \$42,231.57 to Rock County, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to authorize the Auditor/Treasurer to pay year end claims, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator led a discussion regarding the adoption of the 2023 Budget; motion by Thompson, seconded by Overgaard to adopt the 2023 Budget of \$13,920,148, a levy increase of \$6,827,411.00 reflecting a 4.5% increase, declared carried on a voice vote.

	GENERAL	HIGHWAY	FAMILY SERVICES	LAND MANAGEMENT	DEBT SERVICE	2023 TOTAL
REVENUES						
Property Taxes	3,901,300	970,352	1,530,561	40,753	384,445	6,827,411
Other Taxes	34,900	457,000	-	-	485,680	977,580
Special Assessments	-	-	-	266,587	-	266,587
Licenses and Permits	1,720	-	-	45,075	-	46,795
Intergovernmental	540,723	2,307,493	125,630	422,318	31,555	3,427,719
Charges for Services	1,521,269	499,300	-	3,000	-	2,023,569
Fines & Forfeitures	5,000	-	-	-	-	5,000
Investment Earnings	126,000	-	-	-	-	126,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	164,650	33,250	-	21,587	-	219,487
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 6,295,562	\$ 4,267,395	\$ 1,656,191	\$ 799,320	\$ 901,680	\$ 13,920,148
EXPENDITURES						
General Government	2,397,105	-	-	30,218	-	2,427,323
Public Safety	2,621,937	-	-	-	-	2,621,937
Highway	-	3,817,845	-	-	-	3,817,845
Sanitation	-	449,550	-	346,360	-	795,910
Family Services	-	-	1,656,191	-	-	1,656,191
Health	32,246	-	-	-	-	32,246
Culture & Recreation	527,682	-	-	-	-	527,682
Conservation of Natural Resources	167,156	-	-	466,378	-	633,534
Economic Development	47,257	-	-	-	-	47,257
Intergovernmental	247,179	-	-	-	-	247,179

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to adopt the 2023 County Board meeting schedule, declared carried on a voice vote.

January 03	May 02	September 05
January 17	May 16	September 19
February 07	June 06	October 03
February 21	June 20	October 17
March 07	July 11	November 07
March 21	July 25	November 21
April 04	August 08	December 12
April 18	August 22	December 26

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to set the 2023 salaries for the following elected officials, declared carried on a voice vote.

- Commissioners - \$21,733.34, a 5% increase
- Attorney - \$98,700, a 5% increase
- Sheriff - \$111,98.48, a 6% increase plus \$80/mo to VEBA

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve a re-employment leave for the Sheriff to serve as an elected official, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator presented an update regarding a discrepancies on random Truth and Taxation Notices stating the around 200 parcels had a calculation error and the Land Records Office is in the process of correcting the error and notifying the appropriate parcel owners.

The Administrator also notified the County Board that the Library had a water leak from a faulty sprinkler head causing some minor damage in the basement and that the EDA has re-scheduled their meeting to January 5th.

- Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings: n/a
- Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the following meetings: n/a
- Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings: City/County Liaison
- Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings: n/a
- Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings: Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council, City/County Liaison.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourned by order of the Chair. (01-19)

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EMPLOYMENT

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Submit letter of application and completed application form to:
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